

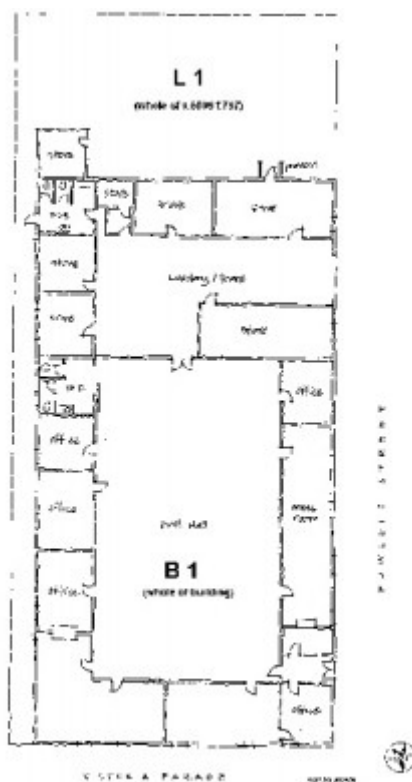
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Location

172-188 POWLETT STREET EAST MELBOURNE, MELBOURNE CITY

Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1801

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO889

VHR Registration

August 30, 1999

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

What is significant?

The timber East Collingwood Rifles Volunteer Orderly room was initially constructed in 1864 by builder William Radden with donations from members of the unit. The hall was at that time situated at the northwest corner of a reserve which had been used as a cricket ground. Following the defence reforms of Sir Frederick Sargood in 1884 the East Collingwood orderly room was one of the few metropolitan halls taken over by the government for the newly formed paid militia. In 1885 additions were made in the form of attached offices, a new transverse hall and a sergeant-major's quarters (since demolished). These additions were designed by Victorian Public Works Department architect Samuel Bindley and their detailing is typical of many other drill halls of the period. In 1937 a brick addition was made to the north end of the 1864 building in the moderne style and the 1864 hall was given a jarrah floor to replace the former asphalt. The drill hall has been used by a variety of army units including infantry, artillery, ordnance and survey. The 1864 hall still has an extensive shingle roof under its corrugated iron.

How is it significant?

The East Collingwood Rifles Volunteer Orderly Room is architecturally and historically important to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The East Collingwood Rifles Volunteer Orderly Room is historically important as one of only two surviving timber orderly rooms from the volunteer era of Victorian colonial defences, the other being the Richmond Rifles orderly room in Gipps Street Richmond. Its continual use for defence training purposes since 1864 adds to its significance. The place is also historically significant for its associations with the volunteer movement in Victoria, particularly the East Collingwood Rifles. The 1885 additions are an important manifestation of the defence reforms of the 1880s. The 1937 brick addition is of interest as a manifestation of the increased spending on defence after years of decline in the lead up to the Second World War.

The East Collingwood Rifles Volunteer Orderly Room is architecturally important for the survival, almost intact within the later additions, of the now rare timber early colonial volunteer orderly room of 1864. The survival of the timber shingle roof is a remarkable, rare and highly significant feature.

Permit Exemptions

General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

Places of worship: In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must **notify** the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

Subdivision/consolidation: Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

Construction dates	1864,
Architect/Designer	Bindley, Samuel Ebdon,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	DRILL HALL,
Hermes Number	5194
Property Number	

History

see Powlett Street Drill Hall Conservation Management Plan prepared by Allom Lovell and Associates, October 1997

Extent of Registration

1. All of the building known as the East Collingwood Rifles Volunteer Orderly Room marked B1 on Diagram 607986 held by the Executive Director.
2. All of the land marked L1 on diagram 607986 held by the Executive Director being all of the land described in Certificate of Title Volume 5809 Folio 797.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>