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# CURRIE AND RICHARDS WAREHOUSE



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warehouse franklin street  
melbourne front view

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## Location

79-81 FRANKLIN STREET AND 3 STEWART STREET MELBOURNE, MELBOURNE CITY

## Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0440

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO664

## VHR Registration

August 6, 1980

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - November 15, 1999

What is significant?

The Currie and Richards Warehouse was erected in 1875 as a three storey brick workshop/warehouse for Alfred Shaw and Co., tinware manufacturers. The building features a stucco facade, and is regularly fenestrated with a rusticated ground floor, prominent string courses and Tuscan cornice entablature. The architect is unknown. The 1869 date on the parapet refers to the foundation of Currie and Richards' business, not the date of the building' erection.

How is it significant?

The Currie and Richards Warehouse is of architectural and historical significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The Currie and Richards Warehouse is of architectural significance as a fine example of a 19th century warehouse in Melbourne and a distinctive example of the Renaissance Revival style applied to such a building. The clear derivation from the Italian palazzi mode, evident in the Tuscan cornice entablature and rusticated ground floor, is a notable quality of this building. The substantial character of the building, with its restrained but dignified facade, and choice of architectural style reflect the growth of Melbourne as a prosperous city in the aftermath of the gold rushes.

The Currie and Richards Warehouse is of historical significance as a reminder of the character of the 19th century city, in which residential, commercial and industrial uses existed in close proximity. Although the building no longer performs an industrial function, the side lane hoist arrangement remains as tangible evidence of its original purpose. There are now few remaining traces of central Melbourne' industrial past, giving the warehouse added importance.

## 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      1875,

Heritage Act Categories Registered place,

Hermes Number 758

Property Number

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## History

Contextual History:History of Place:

The original owner of the land on which the warehouse stands was William Leney Brodie, who acquired it in January 1850. There were several other owners before Currie and Richards purchased it in 1907. Prior to 1875 the site was used as a timber yard.

## Extent of Registration

Historic Building No. 440 - 'Currie and Richards' Warehouse, 79-81 Franklin Street, Melbourne (to the extent of the total exterior fabric of the building, excluding the rear building).

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No.66 6 August 1980 p.2721]

*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/>*