
TARNAGULLA PUBLIC HALL



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1 tarnagulla public hall
commercial road front view
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Location

69-71 COMMERCIAL ROAD TARNAGULLA, LODDON SHIRE

Municipality

LODDON SHIRE

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0778

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO201

VHR Registration

June 27, 1990

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - July 1, 1999

The former Victoria Hotel and Theatre, now known as the Tarnagulla Public Hall, is an externally intact complex built in 1861-1862 for George Barlow. The hotel was licensed until 1916 and operated as a Cobb and Co coach depot. The theatre is the oldest known purpose-built theatre attached to a hotel in Australia, evoking the days of stage entertainment during Victoria's gold rush. The timber sloping stage and high coved plaster ceiling remain intact. The buildings have been used almost continuously as Tarnagulla's social and civic centre since the 1860's. In summary, the Tarnagulla Public Hall is of historic importance for the following reasons:

- 1) the former Victoria Theatre and Hotel features an externally intact complex recalling the heady days of Victoria's gold rush towns.
- 2) the theatre is the oldest known purpose-built theatre attached to a hotel in Australia.
- 3) the buildings have been used almost continuously as Tarnagulla's social and civic centre since the 1860's.

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](#).

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| Construction dates | 1861, |
| Heritage Act Categories | Registered place, |
| Other Names | Former Victoria Hotel and Theatre, |
| Hermes Number | 1146 |
| Property Number | |

History

Associated People: Tenant ASHWORTH,FRANK FEARN,SAM ELLIS, WILLIAM M DAVIES;

Extent of Registration

AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 778.

Tarnagulla Public Hall, corner of Commercial Road and King Street, Tarnagulla.

(All of the buildings and land contained in Crown Allotment 15 (formerly 5 and 6), Section 16, Township and Parish of Tarnagulla.

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G25 27 June 1990 p.1971]

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/>