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Location

127 JOHNSTONE STREET CASTLEMAINE, MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

Municipality

MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0570

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO628

VHR Registration

March 14, 1984

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 22, 1999

Chatsworth Lodge was built in c.1864 by James Redfearn, a monumental mason, who established his business there. Redfearn was born in Derbyshire, England, and migrated to Melbourne in 1856. In 1862 he arrived in Castlemaine where he established the Chatsworth Lodge monumental mason's business, acquiring the land on which it stands in 1864.

He had served his apprenticeship under Sir Joseph Paxton and had worked on the great conservatory at Chatsworth and Lismore Castle, the Duke of Derbyshire's seat in Ireland. He was a member of the borough council of Castlemaine for over seven years and worked on many of Castlemaine's buildings till his death in 1888.

The house has a gabled roof with a verandah along the long side to the front. It is constructed of brick with the major facade rendered and the door and window surrounds dressed with carved basalt. The octagonal basalt chimneys at each end of the main gable are finely executed and are the dominant elements of the building. The gateposts are similarly executed in basalt and the house still has a simple picket fence across the house. This is one of the earliest residences in Castlemaine and is important for its fine use of stone. Although the roof and verandah have been altered, enough remains of Redfearn's masonry work to give this building special significance.

[Historic Buildings Council]

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,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	262
Property Number	

Extent of Registration

AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 570, Chatsworth Lodge, 127 Johnstone Street, Castlemaine (to the extent of the total building and land entered in the Register Book as Volume 9077 No. 954).

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. 32 14 March 1984 pp. 821-822]

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/>