

# FORMER CHEMIST SHOP



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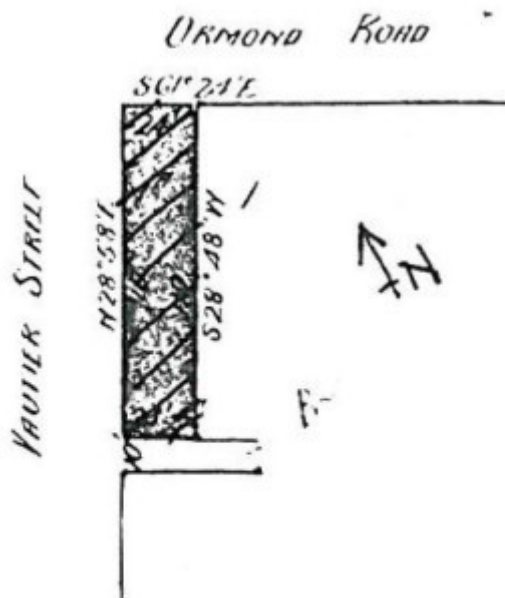
1 former chemist shop  
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former chemist shop ormond  
road elwood rear view



former chemist shop ormond  
road elwood side entrance



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## Location

90 ORMOND ROAD ELWOOD, PORT PHILLIP CITY

## Municipality

PORT PHILLIP CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0782

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO221

## VHR Registration

April 4, 1990

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - July 1, 1999

The Former Chemist Shop at 90 Ormond Road, Elwood is situated on the corner of Ormond Road and Vautier Street. It was for many years associated with pharmacists John and Alice Barker. The earliest part of the building was constructed in 1913 but in 1917 HM Barker commissioned the architects North and Williams to extensively alter and enlarge the existing shop.

The original shop was enlarged into one room and the chemist shop enlarged to a two storey brick building with a Waurm Ponds stone western wall on a bluestone plinth and Stawell stone shopfront piers. The shop verandah has a pressed metal sheet ceiling. Access to the residence is via a side entrance which opens into a stairwell. The leadlight windows, stained timber arch and stair itself are of interest as are a number of other fixtures including the exposed brick chimney breast in the main private room downstairs. The glazed first floor doors leading into the small verandah overlooking Ormond Road are features of the upper floor. Apart from the removal of shop fittings and the stained glass above the shop entrance, there have been only minor alterations to the building.

In summary, the building is of architectural and historic significance

- as one of the most interesting and best surviving examples of early twentieth century shops; - being influential as an example which is transitional between the Art Nouveau influenced Edwardian period to the architecture of the 1920s;
- for its creative and unusual use of stone; - as an example of the commercial work of architect Louis Williams;

- for its association with the Barker family and especially Alice Kelso Barker, one of the first women chemists;
- the 1917 extension reflects the rapid development of Elwood around the time of the First World War.

## 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	1913,
Architect/Designer	North & Williams,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	435
Property Number	

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## History

Associated People:

## Extent of Registration

AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 782:

Former Chemist Shop, 90 Ormond Road, Elwood.

(The whole of the building and land as described in Certificate of Title Volume 3832 Folio 204).

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G14 4 April 1990 p.1044]

*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/>*