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# Former Police Headquarters



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## Location

336- 376 Russell Street,, MELBOURNE VIC 3000 - Property No B6372

## Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

## Level of significance

State

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0913

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

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The Police Headquarters Building was constructed in 1940-43 to the design of Percy Everett. It is of State significance historically and architecturally as Victoria's highest freestanding example of the moderne skyscraper style, as popularised in New York in the 1920s.

With its distinctive communications tower and stepped form, it has become a landmark which, more than any other building, has strong associations with "D-24" and police activity in the state and is perhaps the most tangible result of the extensive police inquiry undertaken in 1937 by Scotland Yard Chief Inspector Alex Duncan.

The complex contains some notable interiors such as the Police Theatrette and contributory elements such as the main stair and hall, lift lobby and lifts.

Classified: 16/09/1992

See also B0425 Former Police Barracks.

Note: Police moved out in 1995, building converted to apartments with new tower behind in 2004, involving demolition of half of theatrette.

Other Names      Russell Street Police Station,

Hermes Number    65560

Property Number

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