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complex royal parade
parkville front view mar1985



former police station complex
royal parade parkville front
corner detail mar1985



former police station complex
royal parade parkville rear
view mar1985



solid fuel cast iron IXL stove



timber fire surround in front
room



segmental arched window
pair to facade



view from rear yard with flat
roofed infill extension

Location

155 ROYAL PARADE PARKVILLE, MELBOURNE CITY

Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1545

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO316

VHR Registration

August 20, 1982

Amendment to Registration

May 23, 1998

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

What is significant?

The former Police Station complex at 155 Royal Parade, Parkville was constructed in the latter half of 1878 to designs by the Public Works Department of Victoria. The original drawings were prepared by architect Charles Barrett, and assistant draftsman Robert Roberts. The builder is unknown. The police station is a single storey, symmetrical, triple-fronted brick building. The exposed brick elevations are decorated with string courses and an impost course in contrasting brick. It has two gabled projecting wings with paired, rounded headed windows and an enclosed central timber verandah protecting the entrance at the southern end. The slate roof, with wide eaves, continues down over the verandah.

How is it significant?

Parkville Police Station is of historical and architectural significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

Parkville Police Station is historically significant as a rare example of a police station building of the type erected in the 1860s and 1870s. The simple, single storey Italianate styling was more typical in country towns, and this type of police building is very unusual in Melbourne. Most other city police stations from the nineteenth century were later and more substantial buildings constructed to serve established communities.

Parkville Police Station is architecturally significant for the simple symmetrical form, verandah and Italianate detailing characteristic of 1850-1870 public buildings designed by the Public Works Department. Symmetrical double gabled forms with a verandah between was a favourite composition of the Public Works Department and the Parkville police station remains as one of the finest of these simple structures. Despite being built shortly after the dismissal of chief architect William Wardell, the building's utilitarian design and simple form is typical of his tenure and contrasts markedly with later examples.

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](#).

Specific Exemptions:

General Conditions: 1. All exempted alterations are to be planned and carried out in a manner which prevents damage to the fabric of the registered place or object. General Conditions: 2. Should it become apparent during further inspection or the carrying out of works that original or previously hidden or inaccessible details of the place or object are revealed which relate to the significance of the place or object, then the exemption covering such works shall cease and Heritage Victoria shall be notified as soon as possible. Note: All archaeological places have the potential to contain significant sub-surface artefacts and other remains. In most cases it will be necessary to obtain approval from the Executive Director, Heritage Victoria before the undertaking any works that have a significant sub-surface component. General Conditions: 3. If there is a conservation policy and plan all works shall be in accordance with it. Note: A Conservation Management Plan or a Heritage Action Plan provides guidance for the management of the heritage values associated with the site. It may not be necessary to obtain a heritage permit for certain works specified in the management plan. General Conditions: 4. Nothing in this determination prevents the Executive Director from amending or rescinding all or any of the permit exemptions. General Conditions: 5. Nothing in this determination exempts owners or their agents from the responsibility to seek relevant planning or building permits from the responsible authorities where applicable. Minor Works : Note: Any Minor Works that in the opinion of the Executive Director will not adversely affect the heritage significance of the place may be exempt from the permit requirements of the Heritage Act. A person proposing to undertake minor works must submit a proposal to the Executive Director. If the Executive Director is satisfied that the proposed works will not adversely affect the heritage values of the site, the applicant may be exempted from the requirement to obtain a heritage permit. If an applicant is uncertain whether a heritage permit is required, it is recommended that the permits co-ordinator be contacted.

Construction dates 1878,

Heritage Act Categories Registered place,

Hermes Number 901

Property Number

Extent of Registration

Amendment of Register of Government Buildings

Melbourne City

Royal Parade, Parkville.

(i) 153-155: Former Parkville Police Station Complex.

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Transferred to the Victorian Heritage Register 23 May 1998 (2 years after the proclamation of the Heritage Act 1995 pursuant to the transitional provisions of the Act)

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/>