

MAIN ENTRANCE GATES (GATE 6), PILLARS AND FENCE



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Diagram 918.jpg



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Location

THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE, 156 - 292 GRATTAN STREET PARKVILLE, MELBOURNE CITY

Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0918

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO343

VHR Registration

June 24, 1992

Amendment to Registration

August 25, 2022

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - August 31, 2022

What is significant?

The main entrance gates (Gate 6), pillars and fence to the Grattan Street entrance to Melbourne University were completed in 1876 and represent the original approach to the main University buildings. The entrance was designed to enhance the setting of the University on the hill to the north of the city, with the land opposite the gates being left as open space to accentuate the approach. The main axes of the university were dictated by siting of the Old Quadrangle, and the Grattan Street entrance is located on the north-south axis. The entrance pillars are of interest for their Gothic-inspired design by Reed and Barnes, reflecting the major architectural style used for the university buildings during this period. The octagonal basalt pillars are decorated with quatrefoil motifs and capped by octagonal ogee domes with carved representations of shingles, and topped by a fleuron. The original decorative iron gates (which form part of this registration) are now located next to the Botany School. The fixing lugs for the gates are still visible in the pillars. The galvanised iron fence replaced the original 1850s wooden palisade between 1872 and 1880.

How is it significant?

The main entrance gates (Gate 6), pillars and fence to the Grattan Street entrance to Melbourne University are of historical and architectural significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The main entrance gates (Gate 6), pillars and fence to the Grattan Street entrance to Melbourne University are historically significant as evidence of the original main entrance to the university. Their construction, together with the associated gate lodge, marked a formal boundary between the town and university.

The main entrance gates (Gate 6), pillars and fence to the Grattan Street entrance to Melbourne University are architecturally significant for their styling, consistent with the preferred Gothic Revival style of the main University buildings. The pillars were designed by architects Reed and Barnes. Reed was long time architect to the university and designed several significant buildings on the campus, including the old Wilson Hall, one of the finest Gothic Revival style buildings in Australia until destroyed by fire in 1952.

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	1876,
Architect/Designer	Reed & Barnes,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place, Registered object integral to a registered place,
Hermes Number	910
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History

History of Place:

Extent of Registration

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

As Executive Director for the purpose of the **Heritage Act 2017**, I give notice under section 53 that the Victorian Heritage Register is amended by amending the following place in the Heritage Register:

Number: H0918

Category: Registered Place, Registered Objects Integral to a Registered Place

Place: Main Entrance Gates (Gate 6), Pillars And Fence

Location: The University of Melbourne, 156 - 292 Grattan Street Parkville

Municipality: City of Melbourne

All of the place shown as a solid line on Diagram 918 (excluding that part overlaid with cross hatching) and encompassing that part of Lot 1 on Plan of Subdivision 818629 which is the footprint of the wall. All of the objects being the two decorative iron gates formerly attached to the gate pillars

Dated: 25 August 2022

STEVEN AVERY

Executive Director

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/>