

# BEECHWORTH POST OFFICE



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1 beechworth post office ford street beechworth front view dec1990



beechworth post office ford street beechworth colonaded verandah



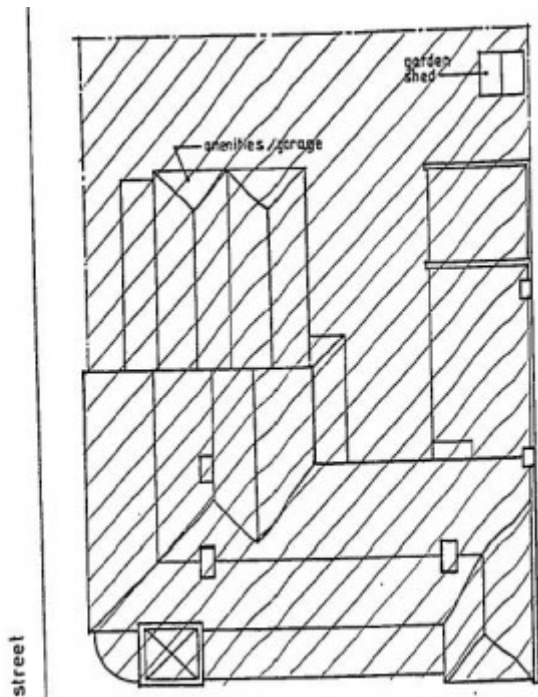
beechworth post office ford street beechworth front elevation



beechworth post office ford street beechworth side view



beechworth post office ford street beechworth tower elevation mar1998



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**Location**

28A CAMP STREET BEECHWORTH, INDIGO SHIRE

**Municipality**

INDIGO SHIRE

**Level of significance**

Registered

**Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number**

H0867

**Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO18

**VHR Registration**

March 27, 1991

**Heritage Listing**

Victorian Heritage Register

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**Statement of Significance**

Last updated on - July 2, 1999

The Beechworth Post Office was constructed in 1870, to a design by Peter Kerr, incorporating a tower dating from 1865 and other materials from an earlier post office building on the site. It is of importance at a State level for the following reasons:

The post office represents a prominent landmark in this important gold-mining centre. It is an intact example of the larger two story post offices of this period, incorporating a telegraph office and postmaster's residence.

It demonstrates the role and essential nature of communications in the development of early Victoria and the growth of individual townships.

It is a significant work of the renowned government architect Peter Kerr, under the leadership of Public Works Department Inspector-General, William Wilkinson Wardell. Kerr was able to accommodate parts of an earlier building on the site, and integrate them into a very successful hybrid of the Italianate style, well proportioned, forming a visual focus in this rural township.

The building was influential in the development of the Italianate style for public buildings within the Victorian Public Works Department. The style dominated designs in this Department for over twenty years.

**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	1870,
Architect/Designer	Kerr, Peter,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	103
Property Number	

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## Extent of Registration

### AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 867:

Beechworth Post Office, Corner Ford and Camp Streets, Beechworth.

(To the extent of all buildings and land (excluding the garden shed) located in Crown Allotment 1 and a portion of Crown Allotment 2, Section 8 in the Parish and Township of Beechworth, County of Bogong, as shown hatched on Plan A endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.)

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G12 27 March 1991 p.797]

*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/>*