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Location

50 FORD STREET BEECHWORTH, INDIGO SHIRE

Municipality

INDIGO SHIRE

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0351

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO43

VHR Registration

October 9, 1974

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 7, 1999

JD Fisher opened the first Commercial Hotel on this site in 1853. It was the first two-storeyed building in the town. Fisher sold the premises to T Tanswell who erected the present two storey brick and stone structure in 1873. The facade is simply composed with a centrally located residential entrance and has a two storey cast iron and timber verandah. The ground floor windows are set as a series of segmental arches. The architect was Rogers of Carlton.

A hotel has existed on this site since 1853. The present structure has a notable association with the Tanswell family who ran the hotel for several years. It is a notable example of Australian country hotel architecture and is a prominent local landmark. The granite blocks at the springing points of the ground floor arches and the granite and brick entablature etc. are notable features. The old bar sign on the lower sash of the bar window is also significant. The extensive stables and coach house at the rear still survive. The building has been carefully restored; unfortunately the original colour and texture of the facade's brickwork was destroyed when the facade was sandblasted.

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	1853,
Architect/Designer	Rogers,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	105
Property Number	

History

Associated People:

Plaque Citation

This is a largely intact example of a nineteenth century hotel complex. A hotel was first built here in 1853, and was rebuilt in 1873 by Thomas Tanswell. The stables, and a coach factory, were rebuilt in 1892 for coaching company Crawford & Co.

Extent of Registration

United Shire of Beechworth. No.351. Tanswell's Commercial Hotel,30 Ford Street, Beechworth.
[*Victoria Government Gazette* No 100 Wednesday, October 9 1974 p.3650]

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/>