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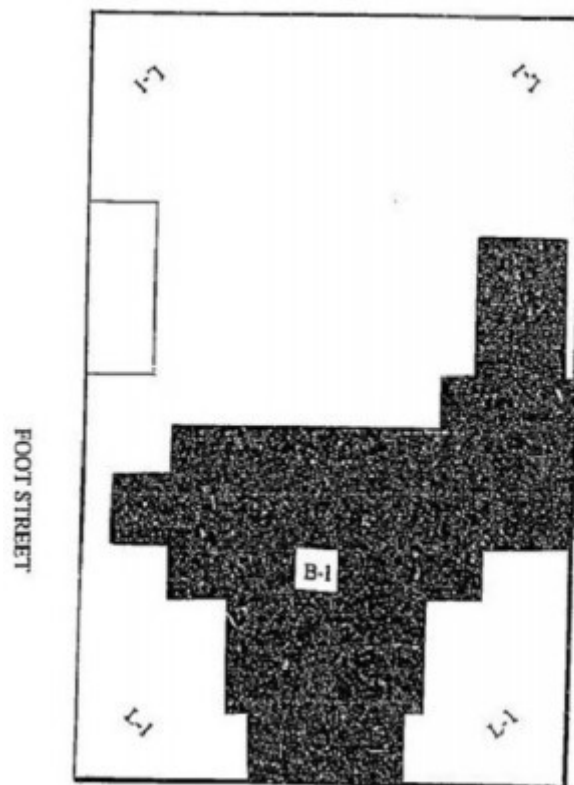
FORMER KILMORE POST OFFICE



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1 former kilmore post office powlett
street kilmore front view



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Location

2 POWLETT STREET KILMORE, MITCHELL SHIRE

Municipality

MITCHELL SHIRE

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1190

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO73

VHR Registration

May 23, 1996

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 7, 1999

The Former Kilmore Post Office is a two-storey, coursed basalt rubble building which was designed in the Victorian Public Works Department under the supervision of William Wardell, probably by architect Henry A Williams and constructed 1861-62. The building is set on a basic T-shaped plan and has projecting gabled bays to the north, south and east; one-storey porches are situated to the north and east. The arcaded portico has been glazed and the ground floor main chamber has been altered. The building no longer operates as a post office.

The Former Kilmore Post Office is of architectural importance to the State of Victoria.

The Former Kilmore Post Office is of architectural importance as one of the first Public Works Department buildings completed under William Wardell's direction as the Chief architect and Commissioner of Works in Victoria from 1860. Wardell was one of the colony's most important 19th century architects and the department he supervised included many other influential architects, including Henry A Williams whose initials appear on the Kilmore Post Office drawings. The former Kilmore Post Office is also important for its ability to demonstrate the rising influence of Italian Renaissance styling in Victoria, a movement which has been directly attributed to Wardell. The Wardell era marked a turning point in Victorian architecture as he re-worked standard public building designs to create more imposing and individualistic constructions.

The Former Kilmore Post Office is important because it was influential in creating a 'style' group of post office buildings which continued on for another twenty years and included directly comparable examples at Chiltern, Port Melbourne and Wahgunyah.

[Source: Report to the Minister.]

Construction dates	1861,
Architect/Designer	Wardell, William W.,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	1300
Property Number	

Plaque Citation

Built 1861-62 and designed by the Public Works Department architect Henry Williams under the supervision of chief architect William Wardell, this building was influential in the design of many other post offices in Victoria.

Extent of Registration

AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 1190:

Former Kilmore Post Office, 2 Powlett Street, Kilmore, Shire of Mitchell.

Extent:

To the extent of:

1. The building known as the former Kilmore Post Office marked B-1, on Plan 600087 endorsed by the Chair, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.
2. All of the land marked L-1 on Plan 600087, being the land described in Certificate of Title Volume 6600 Folio 928 endorsed by the Chair, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.
[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G20 23 May 1996 p.1337]

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