

# POLICE STATION



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drummond street carlton front



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drummond street carlton side  
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police station drummond  
street carlton lock up &  
watchhouse 1997



police station drummond  
street carlton detail of  
windows



police station drummond  
street carlton detail of lockup  
door

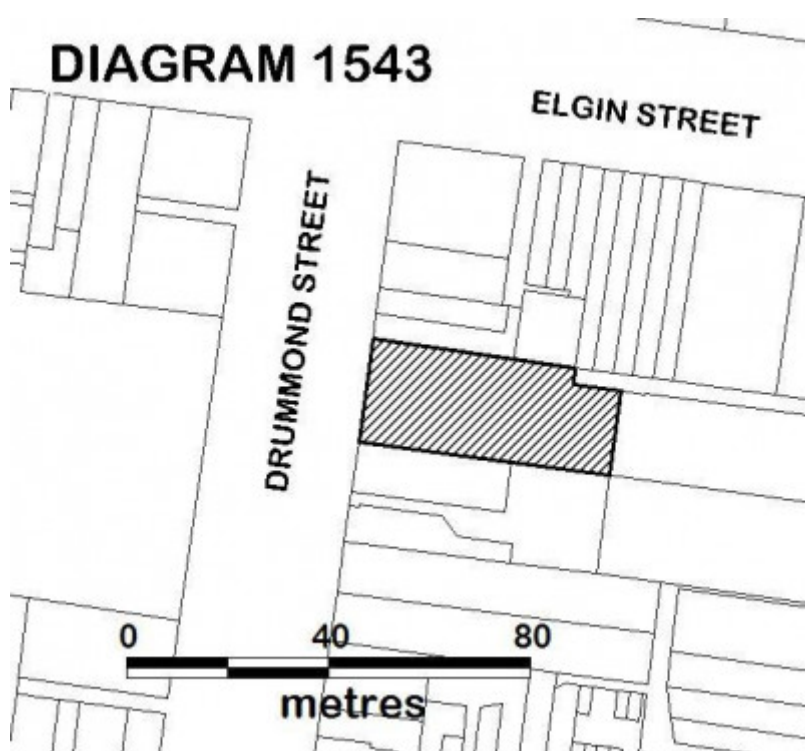


Diagram 1543

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## Location

334-344 DRUMMOND STREET CARLTON, MELBOURNE CITY

## Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1543

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO45

## VHR Registration

August 20, 1982

## Amendment to Registration

December 17, 2015

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 21, 1999

What is significant?

Carlton Police Station was designed by Public Works Department architects William Steel and George Watson and erected in 1878 by contractor William Smith. It is a two storey brick building in a restrained classical style. A two storey addition was added in 1890, built by John Dow. Both buildings are constructed of Hawthorn face brick on a basalt plinth and have red and cream face brick dressings. Both buildings have round-headed windows and the roofs are hipped and slate-clad. The 1878 building is strictly symmetrical while the rear 1890 structure is asymmetrically arranged. Police buildings like the 1878 front building usually contained a mess room, sergeants' and married constables' quarters, and a kitchen and bathroom on the ground floor. The first floor housed more of the sergeants' quarters and a dormitory. The rear building has an attached single-storeyed, coursed bluestone cell block at the rear. The station has an historical and physical relationship with the former courthouse on the other side of Drummond Street and forms part of a group of buildings around the intersection of Drummond and Elgin Streets which formed the civic core of Carlton for a long period from the late nineteenth century.

How is it significant?

Carlton Police Station is of historical, architectural and scientific significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

Carlton Police Station is historically significant as one of a group of buildings which formed the civic core of nineteenth century Carlton. In close proximity to the old Carlton courthouse, the post office, a bank, Church and other early structures, the police station contributes to the historic character of this part of Carlton.

Carlton Police Station is architecturally significant as an unusual combination of two police buildings of differing designs, one built in 1878, and the other in 1890. They highlight the change in Public Works Department architectural design in the intervening twelve years. The Station's front building is significant for demonstrating the typical Public Works Department layout of double-storey, six-roomed police quarters of the 1870s and 1880s period. Carlton Police Station became a prototype for later police stations at Richmond, Geelong and Kyneton.

Carlton Police Station is scientifically significant for the survival in the 1890 lock-up of an early example of the Tobin Tube ventilation system. The system provided ventilation for each cell and nightpan.

## 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	1878,
Architect/Designer	Steel, William,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	215
Property Number	

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## History

### History of Place:

The first police premises in Carlton were in rented accommodation at 126 Drummond Street in 1870. The rent paid to a Mrs Huntington was one hundred pounds per annum.

Lot 8 Section 43 was purchased on 17 July 1876 by the Crown for the purpose of erecting a new station. The 1878 building was constructed at a cost of 2191 pounds by contractor William Smith. Final payment was made in October 1878.

The 1890 free-standing two storey lock-up was built after many complaining articles by the Carlton Gazette about the state of the existing wooden watch-house and lock-up. The Gazette first complained about the lock-up in 1887 but it took four years for approval for the new lock-up to be built.

## Extent of Registration

### NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

As Executive Director for the purpose of the **Heritage Act 1995**, I give notice under section 46 that the Victorian Heritage Register is amended by modifying the following places in the Heritage Register:

Number: H1543

Category: Heritage Place

Place: Police Station

334-344 Drummond Street

Carlton

Melbourne City

All of the place shown hatched on Diagram 1543 encompassing all of Title Plan 949288.

Dated 17 December 2015

TIM SMITH

Executive Director

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*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.*

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