

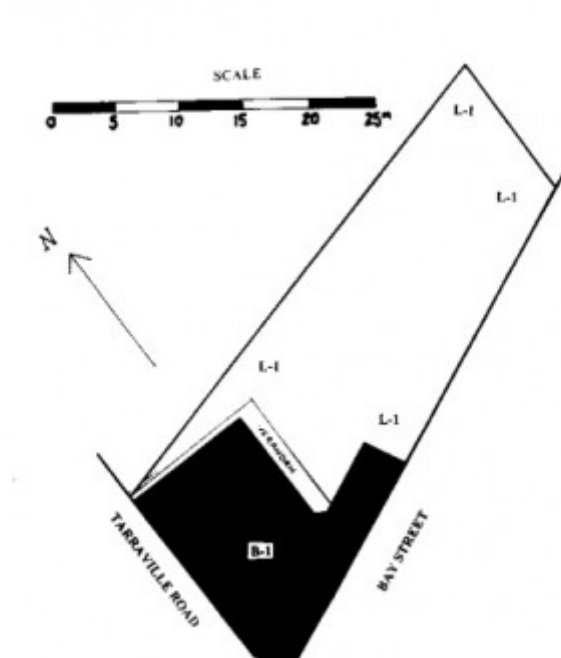
# PORT ALBERT MARITIME MUSEUM



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1 bank of victoria bay street port albert  
front view



bank of victoria extent of registration

## Location

TARRAVILLE ROAD PORT ALBERT, WELLINGTON SHIRE

## Municipality

WELLINGTON SHIRE

## Level of significance

Registered

## **Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number**

H1210

## **Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO34

## **VHR Registration**

October 24, 1996

## **Heritage Listing**

Victorian Heritage Register

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## **Statement of Significance**

Last updated on - May 11, 1999

What is significant?

The former Bank of Victoria (now Port Albert Maritime Museum) was designed by the architects, Robertson and Hale and was constructed c.1861. The bank was the second Bank of Victoria to open in Port Albert and it replaced an earlier branch which had opened in 1856 in a two-storey prefabricated iron store in Victoria Street. The former bank, now used as a maritime museum, is a single storey stuccoed building in the Conservative Classical revival style. The splayed corner positioning, the corniced parapet and the pedimented entrance and quoining all combine to emphasise the prominent position of the building in Port Albert.

How is it significant?

The Former Bank of Victoria (now Port Albert Maritime Museum) is of architectural and historical significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The Former Bank of Victoria (now Port Albert Maritime Museum) is architecturally important as a rare and intact example of Conservative Classical revival architecture. The former bank is one of only two known surviving examples of the work of the architectural firm Robertson and Hale and is the only architecturally designed bank building, of its era, in the Gippsland region. The former bank remains as an impressive and significant example of a 19th century commercial building, designed and positioned specifically to communicate the importance of Gippsland to the rest of the State. The building demonstrates an early use of a parapeted classical revival form and is notable for its considerable age.

The Former Bank of Victoria (now Port Albert Maritime Museum) is historically significant for its relationship with Gippsland and coastal trading activities of the 19th century. The building was designed and erected at a time when Port Albert was regarded as an important coastal trading port in Victoria and the style and siting of the building symbolise the once prosperous township of Port Albert, the projected expectations for its growth and the anticipated success of the Bank of Victoria in this region. The building is of historical importance for its association with the Bank of Victoria which was established in 1853, during Victoria's goldrush era, by Henry 'Money' Miller, MLC. The Bank of Victoria amalgamated with the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney in 1927.

## Permit Exemptions

EXEMPTIONS FROM PERMITS:  
INTERIOR DECORATION  
Interior painting/wall papering to walls and ceilings, provided the preparation work for painting/papering does not remove evidence of the building's original paint or decorative scheme.  
Removal of existing carpets/flexible floor coverings.  
Installation of carpets and flexible floor covering.  
Installation of curtain track, rod, blinds and other window dressings.  
Installation of hooks, nails and other devices for the hanging of paintings, mirrors and other wall mounted works of art.  
REFURBISHMENT OF BATHROOMS, TOILETS, KITCHENS  
Refurbishment of any bathroom/toilet including removal of existing sanitary fixtures and associated piping, mirrors and floor coverings, and installation of new fixtures, and wall and floor coverings.  
Removal of any existing any benches or fixtures (stoves, dishwashers etc.) and floor coverings and installation of new benches and fixtures, including associated plumbing and wiring.  
OTHER  
Re-wiring provided that all new wiring is fully concealed and any original light switches are retained in-situ.  
Installation of smoke detectors.  
Installation of insulation.

Construction dates	1861,
Architect/Designer	Robertson & Hale,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	BANK OF VICTORIA,
Hermes Number	2352
Property Number	

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## History

Associated People: Owner SHIRE OF ALBERTON;

### Plaque Citation

Designed by Robertson & Hale and built c1861 for the Bank of Victoria this Renaissance Revival style building reflects the former prosperity of Port Albert and its importance then as a coastal trading port.

## Extent of Registration

### NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

As Executive Director for the purpose of the Heritage Act, I give notice under section 46 that the Victorian Heritage Register is amended by including the Heritage Register Number 1210 in the category described as a Heritage Place:

Former Bank of Victoria (now Port Albert Maritime Museum), Corner Bay Street and Tarraville Road, Port Albert, Wellington Shire.

### EXTENT:

1. All of the building known as the former Bank of Victoria (now Port Albert Maritime Museum) as marked B-1 on Diagram 601809 held by the Executive Director of the Heritage Council.
2. All of the land marked L-1 on Diagram 601809 held by the Executive Director of the Heritage Council, comprising Portion A of Allotment 1, Block 5, Township of Port Albert, Parish of Alberton, being more particularly

described in Memorial No. 671, Book 732.  
Dated 3 October 1996

RAY TONKIN

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.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*