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# CASTLEMAINE ART GALLERY AND HISTORIC MUSEUM



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castlemaine art gallery & historic museum lyttleton street castlemaine front elevation



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castlemaine art gallery and historic museum lyttleton street castlemaine higgins gallery she project 2003

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## Location

14 LYTTLETON STREET CASTLEMAINE, MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

## Municipality

MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0572

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO638

## VHR Registration

March 14, 1984

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 22, 1999

The Castlemaine Art Gallery was constructed in 1930 to a design by the architects Stephenson & Meldrum. The builder was a F. Pollerd and the contract cost ?3250. It was extended at the rear in 1960 and again in 1973. The gallery is an early example in provincial Victoria of austere Neo-Classical "modern" design. It is constructed of face brick (since painted) with rendered dressings and presents a severe facade, without windows, relieved only by the "Jazz" decorated frieze to the parapet, front garden wall and tympanum over the central entrance. The front door is recessed behind an elaborate pair of iron grille gates. The interior is lit by a ceiling lighting system under a saw-tooth roof. The interior is severely and simply decorated but with a careful control of volumes and planning in the display areas. The Castlemaine Art Gallery is an exceptional building in its intent and execution and is historically important as one of the earliest examples of the "modern movement" in provincial Victoria.

*[Historic Buildings Council]*

## 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](#).

## Specific Exemptions:

Temporary painting of plaster walls in Stoneman and Higgins gallery for exhibitions, excluding architrave mouldings, picture rails, ceilings and skirtings, provided walls are returned to colours recommended in the 1999 Conservation Management Plan at the completion of exhibition.

Construction dates	1930,
Architect/Designer	Stephenson & Meldrum,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	CASTLEMAINE ART MUSEUM,
Hermes Number	264
Property Number	

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## History

Associated People:

## Extent of Registration

### AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 572 Castlemaine Art Gallery and Historic Museum, Lyttleton Street, Castlemaine (to the extent of the total building and land entered in the Register Book as Volume 3908 Folio 493).

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. 32 14 March 1984 p. 823]

*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/>*