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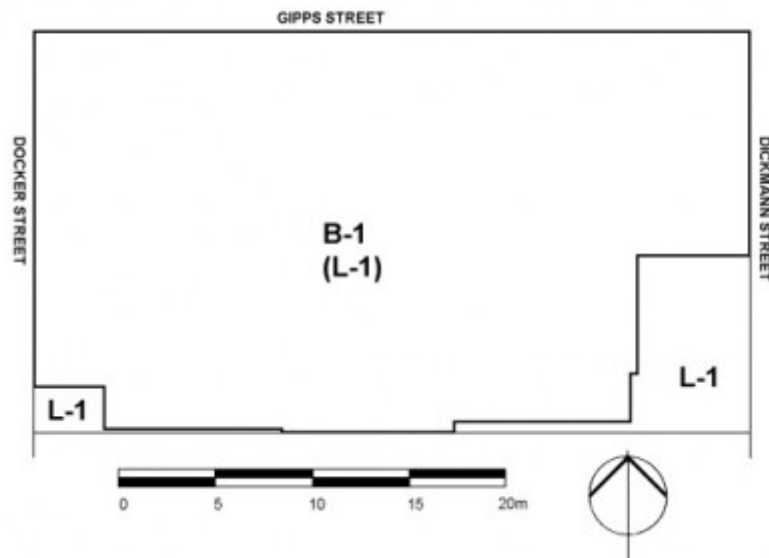
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1 former richmond drill hall gipps street richmond front view



1 former richmond drill hall gipps street richmond rear view



1 former richmond drill hall gipps street richmond plan

## Location

24-28 GIPPS STREET RICHMOND, YARRA CITY

## **Municipality**

YARRA CITY

## **Level of significance**

Registered

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

H1362

## **Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO258

## **VHR Registration**

October 23, 1997

## **Heritage Listing**

Victorian Heritage Register

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## **Statement of Significance**

Last updated on - July 6, 1999

The Richmond Rifles Volunteer Orderly Room was constructed in timber in 1867 with donations from members of the Richmond company of the Volunteer Rifle Corps. With the disbandment of the volunteer system in 1884 the Richmond building was one of the few orderly rooms substantial enough to be taken over by the new Victorian Department of Defence. The building was altered and extended in 1891 mainly by the addition of offices along the Gipps Street frontage and an attached Sergeant Major's residence on the Dickmann Street frontage to the design of Public Works Department Architect Samuel Bindley thereby giving the orderly room a superficial resemblance to other timber orderly rooms of the 1880s. The building was transferred to Commonwealth ownership after Federation in 1901 and was used for various Militia, Citizens Military Forces or Army Reserve units until the late 1980s.

The Richmond Rifles Volunteer Orderly Room is historically important to the State of Victoria.

The Richmond Rifles Volunteer Orderly Room is historically important as one of only two surviving timber orderly rooms from the volunteer era of Victorian colonial defences, the other being the Collingwood Rifles orderly room in Powlett Street East Melbourne. Its continual use for defence training purposes over 120 years adds to its significance. The place is also historically significant for its associations with the volunteer movement in Victoria, particularly the Richmond Rifles. The 1891 additions are an important manifestation of the defence reforms of the 1880s.

## **Permit Exemptions**

<span class="c1">EXEMPTIONS FROM PERMITS:<br /> (Classes of works or activities which may be undertaken without a permit under<br /> Part 4 of the Heritage Act 1995)<br /> <br /> General Conditions:<br />

All alterations are to be planned and carried out in a manner which prevents damage to the fabric of the registered place or object. Should it become apparent during further inspection or the carrying out of alterations that original or previously hidden or inaccessible details of the place or object are revealed which relate to the significance of the place or object, then the exemption covering such alteration shall cease and the Executive Director shall be notified as soon as possible. If there is a conservation policy and plan approved by the Executive Director, all works shall be in accordance with it. Nothing in this declaration prevents the Executive Director from amending or rescinding all or any of the permit exemptions. Nothing in this declaration exempts owners or their agents from the responsibility to seek relevant planning or building permits from the responsible authority where applicable.

**Exterior**

- Minor repairs and maintenance which replace like with like.
- Demolition or removal of outbuildings and sheds.
- Removal of extraneous items such as air conditioners, pipe work, ducting, wiring, antennae, aerials etc, and making good.
- Painting of previously painted surfaces provided that preparation or painting does not remove evidence of the original paint or other decorative scheme.

**Interior**

- Painting of previously painted surfaces provided that preparation or painting does not remove evidence of the original paint or other decorative scheme.
- Installation, removal or replacement of carpets and/or flexible floor coverings.
- Installation, removal or replacement of curtain track, rods, blinds and other window dressings.
- Installation, removal or replacement of hooks, nails and other devices for the hanging of mirrors, paintings and other wall mounted artworks.
- Refurbishment of bathrooms and toilets including removal, installation or replacement of sanitary fixtures and associated piping, mirrors, wall and floor coverings.
- Installation, removal or replacement of kitchen benches and fixtures including sinks, stoves, ovens, refrigerators, dishwashers etc and associated plumbing and wiring.
- Installation, removal or replacement of ducted, hydronic or concealed radiant type heating provided that the installation does not damage existing skirtings and architraves and provided that the location of the heating unit is concealed from view.
- Installation, removal or replacement of electrical wiring provided that all new wiring is fully concealed and any original light switches, pull cords, push buttons or power outlets are retained in-situ. Note: if wiring original to the place was carried in timber conduits then the conduits should remain in-situ.
- Installation, removal or replacement of bulk insulation in the roof space.
- Installation, removal or replacement of smoke detectors.

Construction dates 1867,  
Heritage Act Categories Registered place,  
Hermes Number 4483  
Property Number

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## History

Associated People:

### Extent of Registration

1. All the building known as the Richmond Rifles Volunteer Orderly Room marked B1 on Diagram 606927 held by the Executive Director.
2. All the land marked L1 on Diagram 606927 held by the Executive Director being all the land in Crown Portion 21A Parish of Jika Jika more particularly described in Certificate of Title Vol. 6665 Folio 849.

*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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