

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1014

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO723

VHR Registration

August 20, 1982

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 4, 1999

The Chewton Post Office is an essentially intact and fine example of a small post office, with arcade and round arches, designed by the Public Works Department in the period 1870-1885. It was constructed following the appointment of the former Chewton mayor and councillor, JB Patterson, to the Commissioner of Public Works in 1879. Patterson had previously said that he would like to provide Chewton with a "nice little public building".

The Post Office is an example of the work of Public Works Department architect, George Watson, whose other work includes the design of the Bendigo Post Office.

The Chewton Post Office is an extraordinary example of the importance of local enterprise in ensuring the continued provision of postal services on the premises long after the then Postmaster-General's department had decided that the purpose-built post office was surplus to the Commonwealth's requirements, because of the declining fortunes of the town in the post-gold rush era.

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	1879,
Architect/Designer	Watson, George W.,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	4640
Property Number	

Extent of Registration

AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 1014.

Post Office, Pyrennees Highway, Chewton, Shire of Metcalfe.

(To the extent of:

All of the building known as Chewton Post Office and residence marked B1 on Plan No. 605474, signed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council; and

All of the land marked L1 on Plan No. 605474 signed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council, being all the land described in Certificate of Title Volume 1094 Folio 667.)

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G18 5 May 1994 p.1102]

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/>