

# BRIGHTON MUNICIPAL OFFICES



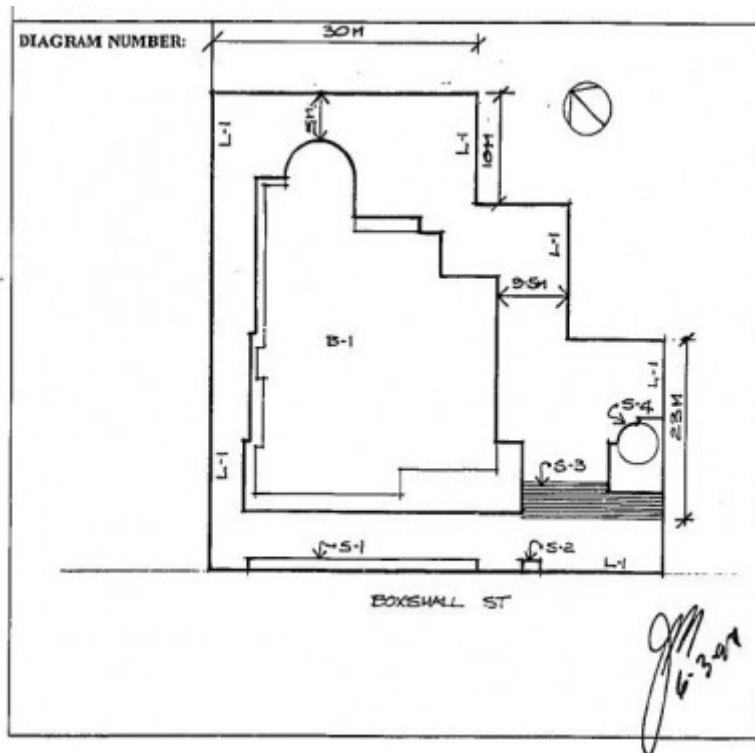
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H1292 plan

## Location

15 BOXSHALL STREET BRIGHTON, BAYSIDE CITY

## Municipality

BAYSIDE CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1292

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO83

## VHR Registration

February 20, 1997

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 12, 1999

The Brighton Municipal Offices in Boxshall Street were designed by Kevin Knight of Oakley and Parkes with the engineers John Connell and Associates and were erected by Prentice Builders Pty Ltd., the foundation stone being laid on 13 February 1959. The interior decoration and furniture was by Grant Featherston. The building was opened on 21 July 1961.

The Brighton Municipal Offices are of aesthetic, historic and architectural importance to the State of Victoria.

The circular foyer, Council Chamber, and two circular meeting rooms designed by Grant Featherston including their extant furniture and light fittings, are of aesthetic and historic importance as an intact example of interior design in Victoria of the late 1950's, and as an important work of Grant Featherston, a leading Australian industrial designer of the 1950's and 60's. Grant

Featherston earned for his profession a popular acceptance unique in the history of the Industrial design movement in this country.

The Brighton Municipal Offices are of architectural importance as an expression of the influence in Australia of the work of internationally renowned American architect Frank Lloyd Wright. The building, with its prominent curved and tapering 'drum' form recalling his design for the Guggenheim Museum of 1946-59 in Fifth Avenue, New York, successfully combines the different curved and planar forms and integrates the landscaping into the building fabric through use of planter retaining walls. The building represents a successful translation of the Organic International style into a suburban public building in Victoria.

## Permit Exemptions

<span class="c1">Nil</span>

Construction dates            1959,

Architect/Designer Knight, Kevin,  
Heritage Act Categories Registered place, Registered object integral to a registered place,  
Other Names BRIGHTON TOWN HALL,  
Hermes Number 4832  
Property Number

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## 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 1292 in the category described as a Heritage Place:

Brighton Municipal Offices, Boxshall Street, Brighton, Bayside City Council.

#### EXTENT:

1. All the building (including brick retaining walls) marked B-1, the freestanding brick planter boxes marked S-1 and S-2, the front steps and paving marked S-3 and the brick retaining wall with circular garden bed marked S-4 on Diagram 607085 held by the Executive Director, Heritage Council.
2. All the land marked L-1 on Diagram 607085 being part of the land contained in Certificates of Title Volume 4058, Folio 589 and Volume 6767 Folio 211.
3. The Council Chamber furniture including all fixed furniture and 18 black upholstered chairs.
4. The furniture made for the two circular conference rooms including the fixed tables and 21 Grant Featherston "Floating series" chairs upholstered in turquoise wool fabric and currently stored in the former Court House building.
5. The turquoise vinyl upholstered ottoman located in the ground floor foyer, and the turquoise vinyl upholstered seats to the upper level public lobby.
6. The counters and reception desk to the ground floor lobby.

Dated 6 February 1997

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/>*