

# JENNERIAN BUILDING



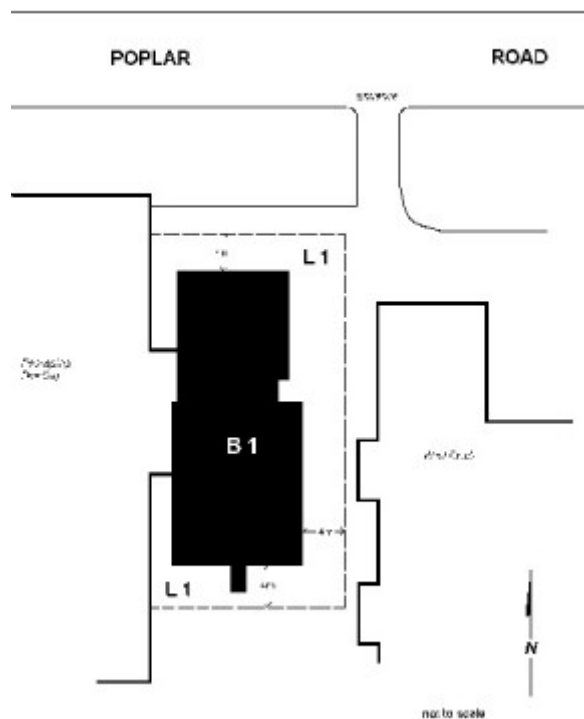
JENNERIAN BUILDING  
SOHE 2008



1 Jennerian Building CSL Ltd  
Poplar Road Parkville ext1



h01794 Jennerian Building  
Poplar Road Parkville South  
exterior SHE Project 2003



Jennerian Building plan

## Location

45 POPLAR ROAD PARKVILLE, MELBOURNE CITY

## Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1794

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO897

## VHR Registration

April 22, 1999

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

---

## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - September 1, 1999

What is significant?

The Jennerian Building was built in 1904-1905 as a combination of stables, operating room and laboratory for the production of smallpox vaccine from the lymph of infected calves. The process of immunisation against smallpox by vaccination was developed from 1796 by Edward Jenner (1749-1823). In the 1880s the Victorian Government established a calf lymph depot in Royal Park to produce serum by Jenner's method. The calf lymph depot and its land were sold to the Commonwealth in 1919 becoming the nucleus of the Commonwealth Serum Laboratories (now CSL Ltd). The original building was designed by noted Victorian Public Works Department architect Samuel Bindley and was built by contractor W Sinclair for £987 2s 6d. The building was sympathetically altered and extended in 1914 and 1921. In 1939 the calf stables wing of the building was converted to laboratories by the introduction of a new timber floor over the original bricks and new internal stud walls. The building was later used as offices and finally, from 1986 housed CSL's important museum collection.

How is it significant?

The Jennerian Building is of historical, scientific and architectural significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The Jennerian Building is historically and scientifically important as a rare surviving building with direct links to techniques of immunisation developed by Edward Jenner. Its history predates but is also inextricably linked with operations of the Commonwealth Serum Laboratories, a scientific institution of immense scientific and historic significance at a national level. The building is also of interest for its association with the nationally significant CSL museum collection.

The Jennerian Building is architecturally important as an unusual and rare example of an early 20th century building specifically designed for the purpose of extracting lymph from infected calves for the production of smallpox vaccine. While the building has been altered and extended, including relocation of chimneys and walls, its basic form and architectural detailing are still true to the design of important Victorian Public Works Department architect Samuel Bindley. The timber ramp at the south entrance to the building is an important remnant from its stables function as is the brick floor which probably still remains under the existing timber floor.

## 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      | 1904,  |
| Architect/Designer      | Bindley, Samuel Ebdon,                                       |
| Heritage Act Categories | Registered place,  |
| Other Names             | COMMONWEALTH SERUM LABORATORIES (CSL LTD), CALF LYMPH DEPOT, |
| Hermes Number           | 4915   |
| Property Number         |  |

---

## 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 1794 in the category described as a Heritage Place:

Jennerian Building, CSL Limited, Poplar Road, Parkville, Melbourne City Council.

### EXTENT:

1. All of the building known as the Jennerian Building marked B 1 on Diagram 607391 held by the Executive Director.

2. All of the land marked L 1 on Diagram 607391 held by the Executive Director being the footprint of B 1 plus a curtilage around the entire building of 4 metres measured from the widest part of the eaves overhang except on the east side where the curtilage stops at the existing building, and being part of the land described in Certificate of Title Volume 4545 Folio 868.

Dated 13 April 1999.

RAY TONKIN

Executive Director

[Victoria Government Gazette G 16 22 April 1999 p.935]

*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/>*