

## FORMER FLEMINGTON COURT HOUSE



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1 former flemington court  
house wellington street  
flemington front elevation  
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h01470 former flemington  
court house wellington street  
flemington side she project  
2004



former flemington court house  
wellington street flemington  
side elevation may1987



former flemington court house  
wellington street flemington  
tower side mar1990



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court house wellington street  
flemington garden she project  
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### Location

28 WELLINGTON STREET FLEMINGTON, MOONEE VALLEY CITY

### Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

### Level of significance

Registered

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1470

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO111

## VHR Registration

December 21, 1988

## Amendment to Registration

May 23, 1998

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The Former Flemington Court House, forms part of a set of buildings on the triangular site, which includes the Lock-up and Police Station buildings. The Court House is a red brick building with a round domed tower, slate roof, recessed and arched limestone openings and with limestone arch-corbelling up the stepped gable wall over the front entrance. The front entrance has a church-like rose window over the multi-arched door and is approached via a triangular walled terrace filling the extreme corner of the site. The design is based on strong cylindrical, stepped and arched shapes, rather than relying on detailing and ornament for effect. The internal detailing of the ceiling is still evident and although most of the interior fabric has been concealed or replaced, the original layout and finish of the court room space and adjoining rooms can be restored at a later date. The round domed tower has not been altered internally and the original staircase balustrade, rendered wall and joinery are still evident.

The Former Flemington Court House was designed by Public Works Department architect, AJ Macdonald under the supervision of architect JT Kelleher. The design is a combination of Italian Byzantine and Lombardic Romanesque styles.

The Flemington Court House is associated with the history of birth and death records in the area as well as the hearing of criminal and civil law cases.

How is it significant?

The Former Flemington Court House is of historical and architectural significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it Significant?

The Former Flemington Court House is historically significant for its association with the history of occupation of Victoria and particularly Flemington; for its association with public buildings in the area and specifically the adjacent Lock-up and Police Station buildings and the Post Office further along Wellington Street.

It is architecturally significant as an example of Public Works design and specifically of A.J. Macdonald who is attributed with a number of other remarkable public buildings in Victoria. It is also architecturally significant for its strong use of forms using bricks and limestone and very little detailing or ornament.

*[Online Data Upgrade Project 2001]*

## 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:**

**General Conditions:** 1. All exempted alterations are to be planned and carried out in a manner which prevents damage to the fabric of the registered place or object. **General Conditions:** 2. Should it become apparent during further inspection or the carrying out of works 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 works shall cease and Heritage Victoria shall be notified as soon as possible. **Note:** All archaeological places have the potential to contain significant sub-surface artefacts and other remains. In most cases it will be necessary to obtain approval from the Executive Director, Heritage Victoria before the undertaking any works that have a significant sub-surface component. **General Conditions:** 3. If there is a conservation policy and plan all works shall be in accordance with it. **Note:** A Conservation Management Plan or a Heritage Action Plan provides guidance for the management of the heritage values associated with the site. It may not be necessary to obtain a heritage permit for certain works specified in the management plan. **General Conditions:** 4. Nothing in this determination prevents the Executive Director from amending or rescinding all or any of the permit exemptions. **General Conditions:** 5. Nothing in this determination exempts owners or their agents from the responsibility to seek relevant planning or building permits from the responsible authorities where applicable. **Minor Works :** **Note:** Any Minor Works that in the opinion of the Executive Director will not adversely affect the heritage significance of the place may be exempt from the permit requirements of the Heritage Act. A person proposing to undertake minor works must submit a proposal to the Executive Director. If the Executive Director is satisfied that the proposed works will not adversely affect the heritage values of the site, the applicant may be exempted from the requirement to obtain a heritage permit. If an applicant is uncertain whether a heritage permit is required, it is recommended that the permits co-ordinator be contacted.

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| Construction dates      | 1889,             |
| Architect/Designer      | Macdonald AJ,     |
| Heritage Act Categories | Registered place, |
| Hermes Number           | 499               |
| Property Number         |                   |

## **Extent of Registration**

Amendment of Register of Government Buildings

Former Court House, 28 Wellington Street, Flemington.

to the extent of the whole of the buildings contained within Certificate of Title Volume 1429 Folio 2857.

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G49 21 December 1988 p.3886]

*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/>*