

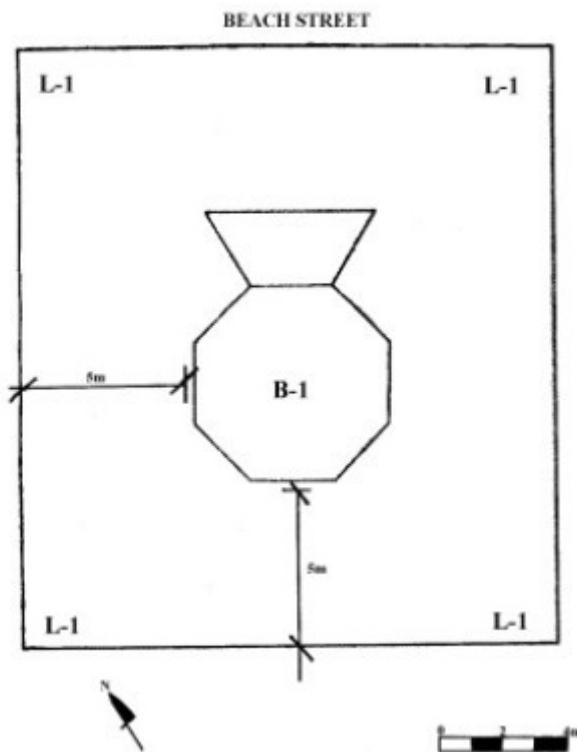
# BAND ROTUNDA



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port melbourne front view  
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band rotunda beach street port melbourne plan

## Location

BEACH STREET (OPPOSITE STOKES STREET) PORT MELBOURNE, PORT PHILLIP CITY

## Municipality

PORT PHILLIP CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1735

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO49

## VHR Registration

August 20, 1998

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 28, 1999

### What is significant?

The Port Melbourne Band Rotunda was built in 1918 and officially opened on 27 October 1918. It was presented to the council by the Port Melbourne Women's Welcome Home Committee in honour of the Australians who fought in the First World War. The committee met the cost of construction from their own subscriptions.

The band rotunda is an octagonal structure constructed of red brick with timber posts and ceiling and a sheet-metal, domed roof surmounted by a flagpole. The platform is reached by a tapering staircase. There are seats on the other seven sides of the rotunda. The rotunda commands a prominent site on the foreshore.

### How is it significant?

The Band Rotunda has social, historical and architectural significance to the State of Victoria.

### Why is it significant?

The band rotunda has historical associations with the First World War and the community's commemoration of the event. The rotunda, along with band rotundas at Fitzroy and Natimuk, is a comparatively unusual memorial to the war and an early First World War memorial. The location of the rotunda is particularly poignant as Port Melbourne was the point of embarkation and disembarkation for troops during the First World War.

The rotunda has social significance as an expression of a once popular form of entertainment in parks and gardens. It symbolises the importance of music in the cultural and social life of the community in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

The rotunda has architectural significance as an intact example of a band rotunda with a distinctive roof, a pyramidal form supported by timber columns and surmounted by a domed cupola terminating in a flagpole. The rotunda, with its picturesque and exotic composition, is an important element of the Port Melbourne foreshore.

## 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:

### EXEMPTIONS FROM PERMITS:

(Classes of works or activities which may be undertaken without a permit under Part 4 of the Heritage Act 1995)

#### 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.
2. 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.
3. If there is a conservation policy and plan approved by the Executive Director, all works shall be in accordance with it.
4. Nothing in this declaration prevents the Executive Director from amending or rescinding all or any of the permit exemptions.
5. 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.

\* Minor repairs and maintenance which replace like with like.

\* Repairs to plumbing provided that they do not damage the fabric of the fountain.

\* Laying or removal of concrete or bitumen paving within the registered land.

Construction dates        1918,

Heritage Act Categories    Registered place,

Hermes Number 5482

Property Number

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## History

Contextual History:History of Place:

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The Port Melbourne Band Rotunda was built in 1923? It was presented by the Port Melbourne Women's Welcome Home Committee in honour of the Australians who fought in the First World War.

## 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 1735 in the category described as a Heritage place:

Band Rotunda, Beach Street (opposite Stokes Street), Port Melbourne, City of Port Phillip.

EXTENT:

1. All of the structure known as the Band Rotunda, Port Melbourne marked B-1 on Diagram 608252 held by the Executive Director:
2. All of the land marked L-1 on Diagram 608252 held by the Executive Director, being part of Crown Land Temporarily Reserved for Public Purposes (Gazetted 1 July 1997).

Dated 13 August 1998.

RAY TONKIN  
Executive Director

[Victoria Government Gazette G 33 20 August 1998 p.2255]

*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/>*