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# The Australian Club



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## Location

98-110 William Street and 475-485 Little Collins Street,, MELBOURNE VIC 3000 - Property No B0438

## Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

## Level of significance

State

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0105

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

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The Australian Club was founded in 1878. The present clubrooms were erected in three stages. Lloyd Tayler was the architect for the first two stages, erected 1879 and 1884 which comprise 78 feet of the William Street frontage. In 1893 this facade was extended southwards and the four storey rendered brick structure with attic and basement was completed as we know it today. The architect was J Charlesworth.

The Club is one of Melbourne's most distinguished institutions and has occupied these premises for over a century. They are the grandest and most intact Victorian clubrooms in Australia. The principle facade is a notable classical example and incorporates elements which typify Tayler's work. Notable features include the portico and

loggia which date from 1893 and the exotic roof and cupola. The magnificent interior is a superb example of Victorian taste and craftsmanship and centres around the grand staircase.

Classified: 31/07/1958

Revised: 03/08/1988

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