

## NO.2 GOODS SHED



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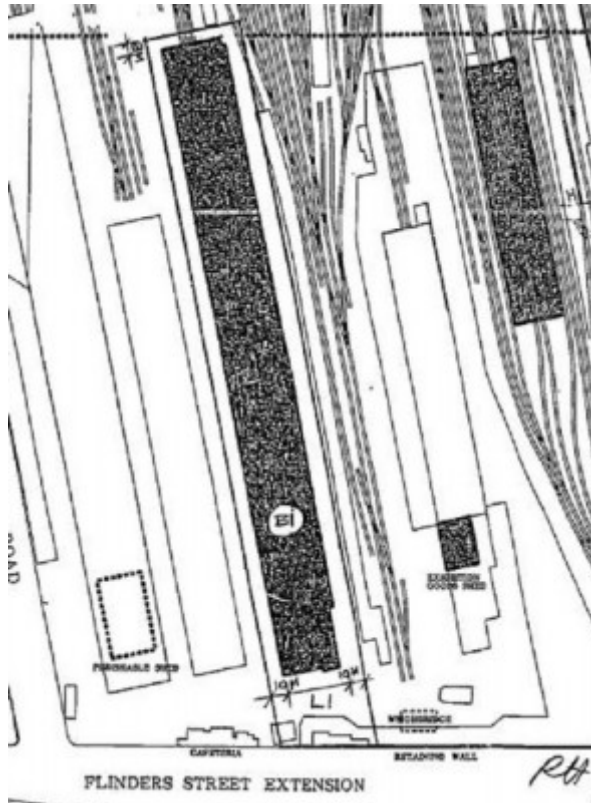
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view



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### Location

733 BOURKE STREET AND 707 COLLINS STREET DOCKLANDS, MELBOURNE CITY

### Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

### Level of significance

Registered

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0933

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO914

### VHR Registration

August 20, 1982

### Amendment to Registration

December 15, 1994

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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### Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 7, 2000

*[NOTE: in 2001 a permit was granted to demolish 9 bays of the shed and erect a new bridge as an extension to Collins Street. The shed is now effectively cut into northern and southern sections.]*

What is significant?

The No.2 Goods Shed, formerly known as No.3 or 'A' Goods Shed, was built in 1889-90 to replace earlier, inadequate facilities. The contractor was AP Tozer. It comprises a goods shed and platform and an associated administration block. The offices were extended in 1907. The shed consists of three parallel gable roofs over the tracks and platform. It is constructed with cast iron columns at 9 metre centres and wrought iron trussed roofs. The roofs are timber lined and clad in slate with lanterns capping the full length of the ridges. The total length of the shed is 385 metres, with twenty six doors on the east side and twenty eight on the west side. Both sides have a shallow verandah. The doors to the goods shed illustrate the operation of the shed, with each door being allocated to a particular destination. The two storey administration building is constructed of brick with bluestone sills and a slate tiled gable roof. Terra cotta lumber was inserted in the upper floor as a fire prevention measure. A tower with clock faces, pediments and mansard roof sits at the southern gable end. Brick machicolations are prominent on all gable ends.

How is it significant?

The No.2 Goods Shed, formerly known as No.3 or 'A' Goods Shed is of historical and architectural significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The No.2 Goods Shed, formerly known as No.3 or 'A' Goods Shed, is architecturally significant as the largest and most architecturally elaborate nineteenth century railway goods building in Victoria. Its high degree of intactness clearly demonstrates traditional late nineteenth century goods handling facilities.

The No.2 Goods Shed, formerly known as No.3 or 'A' Goods Shed, is historically significant as evidence of the role played by Victoria's railways in the economic development of Victoria, and particularly to the 1880s boom. The huge scale and grand style of the building graphically illustrates the population and economic growth in Victoria during the 1870s and 1880s and the consequent increase in goods traffic.

### 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:**

The following works are permit exempt;

Installation and upgrading or replacement of tenancy fit outs associated with office and related uses to all internal floors and spaces of the 'Lantern' building (being the building on Collins Street attached to the southern half of the No.2 Goods Shed) , subject to the works such as new partitions and office joinery not being placed immediately abutting the inside face of the glazed cladding to the building.

Construction dates 1889,

Heritage Act Categories Registered place,

Other Names GOODS SHED NORTH, GOODS SHED SOUTH, NO 2 GOODS SHED, NO. 2 GOODS SHED, NO. 3 GOODS SHED AND OFFICES,

Hermes Number 754

Property Number

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## **History**

Contextual History:

The former A goods shed is part of an area now known as Docklands, consisting of the Victoria Docks (1890-97), North Wharf (1850s-1950s) and the Melbourne Yard. The Melbourne Yard was the name of Victorian railways goods terminus. Docklands was the major transit point for goods in Victoria from the 1870s to the 1960s. The former A goods shed is comparable in importance to the Newport Workshops, also constructed c1890. (from National Trust report, copy on file)

History of Place:

## **Extent of Registration**

AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS  
Historic Building No. 933:

Former No. 3 or 'A' Goods Shed now known as No. 2 Goods Shed, Flinders Street Extension, Spencer Street Railway Yards

(To the extent of:

1. The building known as former No. 3 or 'A' Goods Shed, now known as No. 2 Goods Shed, Flinders Street Extension, Spencer Street Railway Yards, marked B1 on Plan 605240U(A) endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.
2. The land marked L1 on Plan 605240U(A) endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council, being part of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 9808 Folio 879.)

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G50 15 December 1994 p.3366]

*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/>*