

# STATE BANK

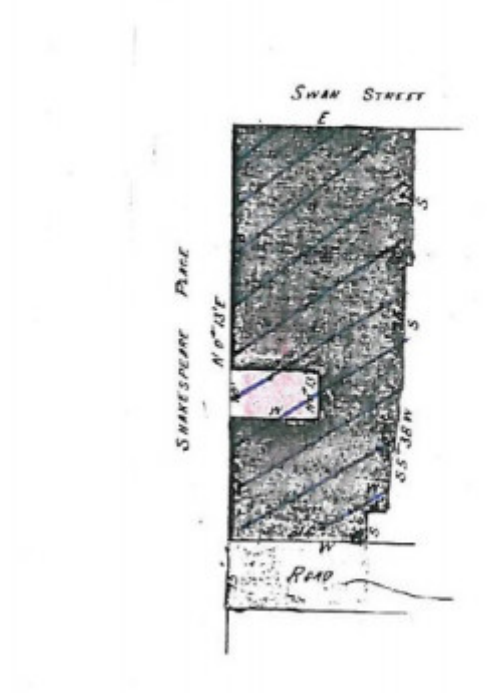


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richmond front view

## EXTENT OF DESIGNATION (SUMMARY)



H0732 H0732 plan

## Location

216 SWAN STREET CREMORNE, YARRA CITY

## Municipality

YARRA CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0732

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO288

## VHR Registration

July 5, 1989

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 19, 2000

### What is significant?

The State Bank in Swan Street Richmond was constructed in 1907 for the Commissioners of the State Savings Bank by Reynolds Bros of Fitzroy to a design by the architects Billing, Sons and Peck. It is an accomplished example of Picturesque composition applied to fenestration. The strongly axial facade has an asymmetric display of different openings.

### How is it significant?

The State Bank in Swan Street Richmond is of architectural and historical significance to the State of Victoria.

### Why is it significant?

The State Bank in Swan Street Richmond is of architectural significance as an outstanding Edwardian-period example of Romanesque art nouveau design in a commercial building. Australian architecture at the start of the 20th century was deeply entrenched in historicism, and the Romanesque art nouveau style, although short-lived, is significant because it marks the beginning of a very slow progression towards modern architecture. This bank is one of the most extravagant examples of the style. As such, the bank suggests the growing independence and confidence of a newly federated Australia. It appears to be the only surviving work of Billing, Son and Peck.

The State Bank in Swan Street Richmond is of historical significance as evidence of the rapid expansion of the State Savings Bank. The Richmond bank was constructed in the early years of the State Bank's most expansionary period, as it established itself as a major influence on the development of the State for much of the 20th century.

## 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	1907,
Architect/Designer	Billing, Nathaniel,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	STATE BANK RICHMOND,
Hermes Number	983
Property Number	

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## Extent of Registration

### AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 732;

State Bank, 216 Swan Street Richmond.

to the extent of all of the land hatched and the buildings included in the Register Book Certificates of Title Volume 3134 Folio 752 and Volume 3123 Folio 486.

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G26 5 July 1989 p.1658]

*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/>*