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Location

155 CECIL STREET SOUTH MELBOURNE, PORT PHILLIP CITY

Municipality

PORT PHILLIP CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0715

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO78

VHR Registration

December 21, 1988

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 28, 1999

Finn Barr is a rendered terrace, one of a group of south Melbourne buildings designed by the architect Frederick de Garis. De Garis was responsible for the adjoining port view house (No.153) and Mt Durand Terrace opposite. This house was built in 1885 for a Dr WH Ford.

It is an exuberant expression of 1880s boom style architecture and notable for its rich decoration and detailing. Of special interest is the tower over the main entrance. Finn Barr is of architectural and historic importance for the following reasons:

- as a fine example of the work of the architect Frederick de Garis.
- as an exuberant expression of 1880's "boom style" classicism in a terrace residence.
- for the high standard of craftsmanship associated with detailing and ironwork.
- for expressing the lifestyle of a professional man in inner metropolitan Melbourne in the 1880s.

[Source: Report to the Minister]

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](#).

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| Construction dates | 1885, |
| Architect/Designer | De Garis, Frederick, |
| Heritage Act Categories | Registered place, |
| Hermes Number | 1034 |

Property Number

History

Associated People: Owner FORD, DR W H;

Extent of Registration

AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 715.

Finn Barr - 155 Cecil Street, South Melbourne

to the extent of all of the buildings and the whole of land entered in the Register Book Certificate of Title Volume 8164 Folio 484.

[Victoria Government Gazette G49 21 December 1988 p.3901]

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/>