

## NEWBURN FLATS



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south melbourne front  
elevation oct1999

### Location

30 QUEENS ROAD MELBOURNE, PORT PHILLIP CITY

### Municipality

PORT PHILLIP CITY

### Level of significance

Registered

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0578

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO235

### VHR Registration

August 29, 1984

### Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 22, 1999

Newburn was designed in 1939 by Frederick Romberg as an investment block of bachelor flats. The design was Romberg's first independent commission. He studied architecture in Germany before moving to Switzerland. In Zurich he continued his studies under Walter Gropius and Erich Mendelsohn who were also refugees and under Otto Salvisberg. In 1939 he arrived in Australia on a scholarship. Richard Hocking and Mary Turner Shaw were his first partners. In 1953 he joined Roy Grounds and Robin Boyd.

The original design was amended to reduce costs and meet the client's new requirements. The building was innovative stylistically and contrasted dramatically with the other flat development around it. As well, the communal servicing arrangements, the details for plumbing and venting and the arrangement for independent sun control all indicate the skilful implementation of the principles of modern architecture. Newburn is believed to be the first building to use off form concrete for its complete exterior.

The building has been altered by the addition of a penthouse. This replaced a pergola. Most flats have been altered internally in their finishes and fittings. The building was strata subdivided in the 1970's. The building remains relatively intact on the exterior and is in good condition structurally.

[Source: Historic Building Council Notes.]

## 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 1939,

Architect/Designer Romberg, Frederick,

Heritage Act Categories Registered place,

Hermes Number 1062

Property Number

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## Extent of Registration

### AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 578 Newburn, 30 Queens Road, Melbourne (to the extent of the whole exterior, the public access areas and the whole of the Title Volume 8156 Folio 994).

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. 91 29 August 1984 p. 2984]

*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/>*