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street view she project 2004



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along street she project 2004



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entrance she project 2004



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house st kilda road st kilda
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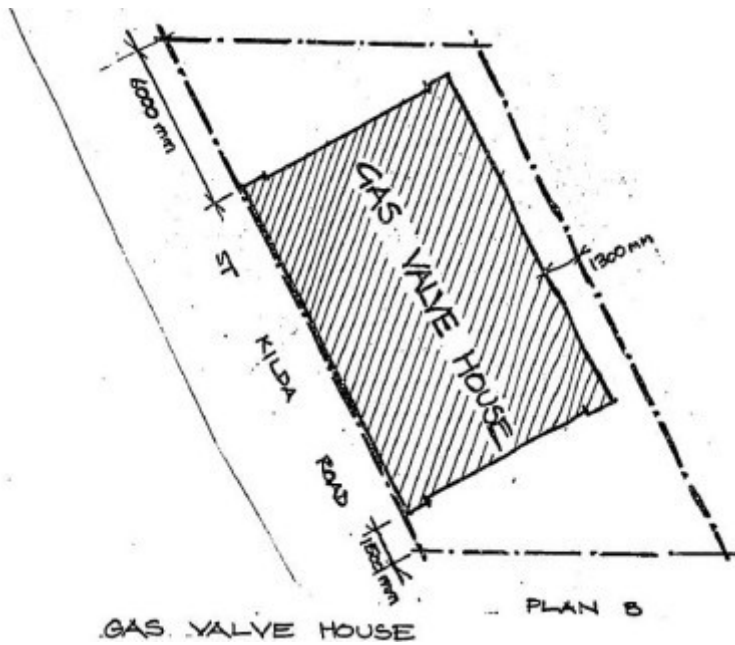
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interior view she project 2004



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Location

615-617 ST KILDA ROAD MELBOURNE, PORT PHILLIP CITY

Municipality

PORT PHILLIP CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0675

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO255

VHR Registration

June 15, 1983

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - April 3, 2025

What is significant?

The Former Gas Valve House, 617 St Kilda Road, Melbourne was built for the Metropolitan Gas Company sometime between 1876 and 1881 to service one or both of the gasholders at this outstation. The site, comprising Crown Allotments 55 and 56, was originally purchased by GB Hailes and J Clark on 30th December 1865 before being sold to the city of Melbourne Gas & Coke Company in 1876.

Following the amalgamation of this company with the Collingwood Fitzroy & District Gas & Coke Co and the South Melbourne Gas Co in 1877 the land was consolidated and transferred to their successor the Metropolitan Gas Co in 1878. The valve house is architecturally of great importance.

This small building is well proportioned and finely detailed in red brick and stucco and is stylistically of a quite different nature to the North Melbourne Valve House built in 1887. Of particular delicacy is the Metropolitan Gas Company's insignia on the northern and southern pediments. This detail was later copied in a clumsy manner in the Tooronga Valve House of 1892 (now demolished).

Historically, the Former Gas Valve House 617 St Kilda Road is also important as one of the last pieces of evidence of the gas industry of the 1870s in Melbourne and probably the first of this type to have been built by the Metropolitan Gas Company.

[Source: Historic Buildings Council]

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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	1876,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	1119
Property Number	

Extent of Registration

AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 675

Former Gas Valve House, 617 St Kilda Road, Melbourne

to the extent of the whole of the building and land as shown on the plan held by the Ministry for Planning and Environment.

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G50 23 December 1987 p. 3495]

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/>