

## STONEMASONS YARD



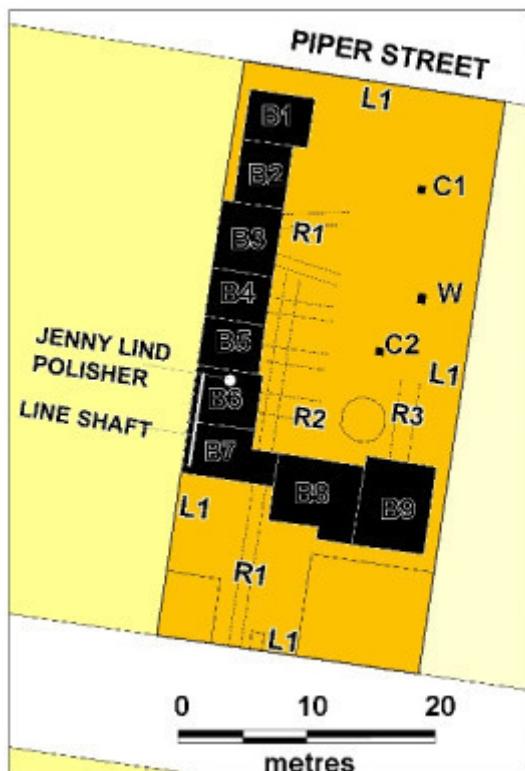
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### Location

11 PIPER STREET KYNETON, MACEDON RANGES SHIRE

### Municipality

MACEDON RANGES SHIRE

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1965

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO255

## VHR Registration

December 21, 2001

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - December 21, 2001

### What is significant?

The Stonemasons Yard is situated in Piper Street within the township of Kyneton. Kyneton and the surrounding district has a rich array of stone buildings and stone rail infrastructure. The WT Jones stonemasons yard was originally established in Malmsbury and a second yard was established in Kyneton in the 1890's. During this time there was an abundance of loose bluestone and numerous small quarries established in the district, some of which supplied the masons yard with the local stone. An advertisement for the business dates back to 1898 and states: 'WT Jones Monumental and General Mason, Piper Street Kyneton and Mollison Street, Malmsbury'. The yard is currently operating under the same name of WT Jones and Sons Memorials.

The building layout consists of an L-shaped configuration of office buildings, engraving area, sandblasting, bush hammer area, polishers shed, sawing and drilling area, early gang saw shed and engine room. The operations are mainly outdoors, or under the cover of open sheds which all face a central open yard. The Jenny Lind Polisher which dates 1893 from Scotland is still in use. A network of trolley lines throughout the site indicate the working layout of the yard. The gang saw shed retains an A-frame timber structure that was used to support two gang saws which no longer remain on site. Gang saw blades, rails for the gang saw trolley and related winch, and a deposit of steel shot waste all give further indication of the importance of gang saw operation in earlier phases of operations on the site.

The two cranes, known as 'Stiff Legged Dykes' were manufactured in Melbourne and are used for lifting and moving larger stones. The larger crane dates from c1897, marked HW Mould Clyde Forge, South Melbourne. The smaller crane was purchased in 1942 from W Ferris, Monumental Mason who was located in Fitzroy and is marked Drysdale & Fraser Melbourne. Both of these cranes are visually prominent on the site and have been located to facilitate movement of heavy materials on and off and transport between the processing areas. The processing areas within the sheds are set out to follow a linear sequence of stone preparation from raw material to finished monumental product. The L-shaped configuration of buildings facilitates movement of the stones by the cranes. Office buildings are closest to the street and most of the stone is stored in the open yard central to the L-shaped building layout.

### How is it significant?

The Stonemasons Yard, Kyneton is historically and technologically significant to the State of Victoria.

## Why is it significant?

The Stonemasons Yard, Kyneton is historically significant as a representative example of a working monumental mason's yard. This yard exhibits many of the features of a typical working monumental masons operation where the basic processes have changed little since the late 19th century. It demonstrates a continuation of local stone working methods and practices since its inception in the 1890's.

The Stonemasons Yard, is of technological (scientific) significance as it demonstrates the typical processes of monumental stone working and the changing technologies instrumental in these processes. The site layout is clearly determined by the monumental masons work processes. Early technologies included the use of cranes and rail trolleys for the transport and movement of stone, the use of line shafting to drive the Jenny Lind polishing machine. The gradual adoption of new technologies is demonstrated by the removal of the gang saws and by the more recent use of diamond sawing and drilling machines.

## 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:

General Conditions: 1. All exempted alterations are to be planned and carried out in a manner which prevents damage to the fabric of the registered place or object. General Conditions: 2. Should it become apparent during further inspection or the carrying out of alterations that original or previously hidden or inaccessible details of the place or object are revealed which relate to the significance of the place or object, then the exemption covering such alteration shall cease and the Executive Director shall be notified as soon as possible. General Conditions: 3. If there is a conservation policy and plan approved by the Executive Director, all works shall be in accordance with it. General Conditions: 4. Nothing in this declaration prevents the Executive Director from amending or rescinding all or any of the permit exemptions. Nothing in this declaration exempts owners or their agents from the responsibility to seek relevant planning or building permits from the responsible authority where applicable.

### Buildings

\* Repairs and maintenance which replace like with like

- \* Repainting of previously painted surfaces
- \* Replacement and installation of electrical, plumbing and pneumatic services.
- \* Interior fitouts to B1 and B2.

#### Cranes

- \* Replacement of crane timber components in original dimension and length.
- \* Repair of winding mechanism parts
- \* Replacement of metal crane parts with parts from cranes of same type and age.
- \* Minor modifications and additions to the cranes to improve safety of operation.

#### Rails

- \* Replacement of trolley rails in the same sections and gauge, excepting old gang saw rails.

Construction dates 1890,

Heritage Act Categories Registered place,

Hermes Number 12293

Property Number

## Extent of Registration

1. All of the land marked L1 on Diagram 1965 held by the Executive Director.

2. All the buildings and structures marked as follows on Diagram 1965 held by the Executive Director:

B1 Brick Office

B2 Timber Office

B3 Open shed - Engraving Area

B4 Open shed - Sandblasting Area

B5 Open shed - Bush hammer Area

B6 Open shed - Polishing Area

B7 Closed shed - Engine Room

B8 Open shed - Sawing and Drilling Area

B9 Open shed - Early Gang Saw Shed

3. All of the structures marked as follows on Diagram 1965 held by the Executive Director:

R1 Network of small gauge trolley rails

R2 Wide gauge rail – Jenny Lind polisher rail

R3 Wide gauge rail – former gang saw rail

C1 Larger Crane – HW Mould Clyde Forge, South Melbourne

C2 Smaller Crane – Drysdale and Fraser, Melbourne

W Winch – Alston and Gourlay, Glasgow, 1858

Jenny Lind Polisher

Line Shaft

4. All of the following movable objects:

Five Gang Saw Blades

Trolley parts to fit rails for Jenny Lind Polisher  
Blacksmiths Tools  
Masons Templates

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