
St Kilda East Artillery Orderly Room

Location

10 Chapel Street, St Kilda East, PORT PHILLIP CITY

Municipality

PORT PHILLIP CITY

Level of significance

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Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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Statement of Significance: The St Kilda Artillery orderly room reflects the particular characteristics of orderly rooms built at this time (Criterion 3.2). While being representative of its type, the building also has a rare form of roof design (Criterion 2.2). Part of an urban conservation area, and sited adjacent to a number of important buildings, the place has considerable streetscape value (Criterion 5.1). The building is historically associated with the establishment of volunteer defence forces in Victoria and with government participation in colonial defence (Criterion 1.4). Register of the National Estate

Construction dates 1890,

Architect/Designer Bindley, Samuel Ebdon,

Hermes Number 126218

Property Number

Physical Description 1

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what are otherwise large, plain buildings. Unlike the other orderly rooms built in the 1880s, with the exception of Carlton (1888), St Kilda has metal roof trusses allowing a wider roof span and hence hall width. The original side wings are slightly different to each other, avoiding a monotonous rigid symmetry. The early defence of the colony of Victoria relied on local volunteers and the St Kilda Volunteer Rifle Corps and St Kilda Company of the Royal Victorian Volunteer Artillery Regiment were both established in 1859, a measure of the settled nature of the area. After the Colonial Government took over ownership and management of existing volunteer orderly rooms in 1884 in response to a possible threat from Russia, new halls were constructed to replace those erected by volunteer units. This occurred in St Kilda in 1889; the new orderly room and detached residence built in 1889 replaced the original volunteer orderly room of 1865 which had been designed by Reed and Barnes. Sometime following 1889 the gabled southern wing was added, outbuildings were also built and in 1912 lean to additions were added to the rear of the main hall. In 1934 the Gun Park and Battery Stores building along the Alma Park boundary were completed. The place is part of a group of important churches and other buildings in an urban Conservation Area.

Historical Australian Themes

Providing administrative structures and authorities - defence

Physical Conditions

The main building and outbuildings are apparently externally intact and in good condition (the place is now occupied by the Third Electrical and Mechanical Engineers Services unit). The interiors have not been inspected. (27/8/87)

Usage/Former Usage

2/15 Field Regiment

Veterans Description for Public

The St Kilda East Orderly Room and detached residence, at 10 Chapel Street, was built in 1889. It replaced the original volunteer orderly room of 1865 which had been designed by Reed and Barnes. Sometime following 1889 the gabled southern wing was added, outbuildings were also built and in 1912 lean to additions were added to the rear of the main hall. In 1934, the Gun Park and Battery Stores building along the Alma Park boundary were completed.

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