

# CAMPERDOWN TURF CLUB GRANDSTAND



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H2093 Camperdown  
racecourse grandstand front4  
oct05



H2093 Camperdown  
racecourse grandstand bull  
bar1 oct05



H2093 Camperdown racecourse grandstand plan

## Location

185 CAMPERDOWN-LISMORE ROAD CAMPERDOWN, CORANGAMITE SHIRE

## Municipality

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H2093

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO18

## VHR Registration

March 9, 2006

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - August 15, 2023

### What is significant?

The Camperdown Turf Club Grandstand was built in 1902-03 to the design of notable local architect Michael McCabe. The first race meeting was held at Camperdown in 1867, the Turf Club was formed in 1886 and the land was permanently reserved in 1900. The present grandstand replaced two earlier grandstands and originally seated about 800 spectators. The stand was extended in c.1913 by construction of two bays to the northern end, increasing the capacity to 1000 spectators.

The stand is a predominantly timber framed structure with a grid of posts and beams and Oregon trusses supporting the roof. The stand has a prominent corrugated iron roof and corrugated iron cladding to the side and rear walls. The mansard roof section with its simple pediment was centrally placed in the original structure before the addition of two bays and was once balustraded and served as a viewing platform. The front of the stand has elegant cast iron columns and a patterned cast iron balustrade with the letters CTC (Camperdown Turf Club) featured in the design of the iron lacework. The ground is built up in front of the stand to provide mound seating and is connected to the stand over a walkway and brick retaining wall by five sets of stairs. Beneath the stand are rooms which include the dining room, tote, and two bars. The interiors are lined with Baltic pine and the posts and bracing of the structure are exposed in the larger rooms.

The Bar appears to be contemporary with the grandstand and is a corrugated iron structure with server flaps and a corrugated iron roof with a gabled hip roof crowned with finials at either end.

### How is it significant?

The Camperdown Turf Club Grandstand is of architectural and historical significance to the State of Victoria.

### Why is it significant?

Camperdown Turf Club Grandstand is of architectural significance as a substantial and intact example of a Federation era grandstand with a spectator mound skilfully integrated into the design. One of the largest racecourse grandstands in Victoria, it is a dominant element in the flat racecourse landscape and a district landmark. The Bar represents an intact example of an early refreshment pavilion at a sporting venue.

The Camperdown Turf Club Grandstand is of historical and social significance for its associations with the history of horse racing in Victoria. It is a rare surviving example of an early twentieth century country racetrack structure from the period when horse racing was an important part of the social life of rural Victoria. The grandstand is an important feature of this racecourse which has been used for horse racing since 1867 and is one of the longest courses in the State. The grandstand is valued by the community of Camperdown and the region for the role it has played in their sporting and social history.

## 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 works 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 works shall cease and Heritage Victoria shall be notified as soon as possible. General Conditions: 3. If there is a conservation policy and plan endorsed by the Executive Director, all works shall be in accordance with it. Note: The existence of a Conservation Management Plan or a Heritage Action Plan endorsed by the Executive Director, Heritage Victoria provides guidance for the management of the heritage values associated with the site. It may not be necessary to obtain a heritage permit for certain works specified in the management plan. General Conditions: 4. Nothing in this determination prevents the Executive Director from amending or rescinding all or any of the permit exemptions. General Conditions: 5. Nothing in this determination exempts owners or their agents from the responsibility to seek relevant planning or building permits from the responsible authorities where applicable. **Minor Works :** Note: Any Minor Works that in the opinion of the Executive Director will not adversely affect the heritage significance of the place may be exempt from the permit requirements of the Heritage Act. A person proposing to undertake minor works may submit a proposal to the Executive Director. If the Executive Director is satisfied that the proposed works will not adversely affect the heritage values of the site, the applicant may be exempted from the requirement to obtain a heritage permit. If an applicant is uncertain whether a heritage permit is required, it is recommended that the permits co-ordinator be contacted.

**Exterior:**

Minor repairs and maintenance

Any works to non-registered buildings and structures within the extent of registration, but not additions.

Repairs, replacement or installation of rubbish bins, seating, bicycle racks and other small items and street furniture.

**Interior:**

Painting of previously painted walls and ceilings provided that preparation or painting does not remove evidence of any original paint or other decorative scheme.

Installation, removal or replacement of carpets and/or flexible floor coverings.

Installation, removal or replacement of curtain tracks, rods and blinds.

Installation, removal or replacement of hooks, nails and other devices for the hanging of mirrors, paintings and other wall mounted art or religious works or icons.

Removal or replacement of non-original door and window furniture including, hinges, locks, knobsets and sash lifts.

Refurbishment of existing bathrooms, toilets and kitchens including removal, installation or replacement of sanitary fixtures and associated piping, mirrors, wall and floor coverings.

Removal of tiling or concrete slabs in wet areas provided there is no damage to or alteration of original structure or fabric.

Installation, removal or replacement of electrical wiring.

Installation, removal or replacement of electric clocks, public address systems, detectors, alarms, emergency lights, exit signs, luminaires and the like on plaster surfaces.

Installation, removal or replacement of bulk insulation in the roof space.

Installation of new fire hydrant services including sprinklers, fire doors and elements affixed to plaster surfaces.

Landscape:

The process of gardening and maintenance, mowing, hedge clipping, bedding displays, removal of dead plants, disease and weed control, emergency and safety works to care for existing plants and planting themes.

Removal of vegetation that is not significant to maintain fire safety and to conserve significant buildings and structures.

Repairs, conservation and maintenance to hard landscape elements, buildings, structures, ornaments, roads and paths, drainage and irrigation system.

Management of trees in accordance with Australian Standard; Pruning of amenity trees AS4373.

Removal of plants listed as noxious weeds in the Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994.

Installation, removal or replacement of garden watering and drainage systems.

Non-commercial signage, lighting, security fire safety and other safety requirements, provided no structural building occurs.

Resurfacing of existing paths and driveways.

Construction dates	1902,
Architect/Designer	McCabe, Michael,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	CAMPERDOWN RACECOURSE,
Hermes Number	13982
Property Number	

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## Extent of Registration

### NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

As Executive Director for the purpose of the Heritage Act 1995, I give notice under section 46 that the Victorian Heritage Register is amended by including the Heritage Register Number 2093 in the category described as a Heritage Place:

Camperdown Turf Club Grandstand,  
185 Camperdown–Lismore Road, Camperdown,  
Shire of Corangamite.

### EXTENT:

1. All the following buildings marked on Diagram 2093 held by the Executive Director:

- B1 Grandstand
- B2 Bar

2. All the land marked L1 on Diagram 2093 held by the Executive Director being part of Crown Reserve Rs 1763 permanently reserved for racecourse and recreation purposes.

Dated 9 March 2006

RAY TONKIN

Executive Director

*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/>*