

# FORMER HEALESVILLE COURT HOUSE



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1 former healesville court  
house nicholson street  
healesville front corner view



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## Location

42 HARKER STREET HEALESVILLE, YARRA RANGES SHIRE

## Municipality

YARRA RANGES SHIRE

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1171

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO81

## VHR Registration

April 18, 1996

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 7, 1999

What is significant?

The former Healesville Court House was constructed between 1889 and 1890 by HN Hainer to a design by JT Kelleher in the Victorian Free Classical style. The former Court House is a timber building with hipped gable roof, trussed gables and a skillion front verandah.

The former Healesville Court House is significant for architectural and historical reasons.

The former Healesville Court House is architecturally significant as the most intact remaining example of a former group of five similar timber court houses constructed in the 1880s. The former Court House retains its original built-in furniture and demonstrates skilful design in its use of timber to achieve both picturesque qualities and a complex and ornamental porch verandah. The building is important as a work of the Public Works Department architect, JT Kelleher who in charge of the Eastern District during the 1880s and designed many notable post offices and court houses.

The former Healesville Court House is of historical importance for its association with Joseph Anderson Panton, the first magistrate of the Court House and a prominent Victorian citizen. Panton owned a small house in Healesville and Panton's Gap was named after him. Panton, a warden and magistrate, was responsible for mapping the Yarra Ranges and naming Donna Buang. Panton later became Chief Magistrate in Melbourne and actively maintained interests in the arts and viticulture.

## 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	1889,
Architect/Designer	Kelleher, John Thomas,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	1778
Property Number	

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## Extent of Registration

### AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 1171:

Former Healesville Court House, Corner of Nicholson Street and Harker Street, Healesville, Yarra Ranges shire.

Extent:

To the extent of:

1. The building known as the former Healesville Court House (excluding the amenities building) as marked B-1 on Plan 600857 endorsed by the Chair, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.

2. All of the land marked L-1 on Plan 600857 endorsed by the Chair, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council, being Allotment Ten of Section A in the Township of Healesville, Parish of Gracedale, County of Evelyn.

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G15 18 April 1996 p.959]

*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/>*