Victorian Heritage Database Report

FLEMINGTON POST OFFICE





2A Wellington Street.JPG

From the Post and Telegraph Department of Victoria, 'Views of Post Offices'(SLV)

Location

2A Wellington Street, FLEMINGTON VIC 3031 - Property No 186389

Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO121

Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

Statement of Significance

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Architecturally, a skillful design which uses eclectic detail, massing siting and form to create a highly successful building which is enhanced by its surrounding streetscape and topography: of state, national importance. Historically, the first of a series of major public buildings sited in the post-gold growth centre of Flemington: of local importance.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moonee Valley - Flemington and Kensington Conservation Study, City of Melbourne, 1985;
Construction dates	1888,
Architect/Designer	Kelleher, John Thomas,
Hermes Number	23892
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Taking full advantage of the corner site, the massing of the building is stepped in a picturesque manner back from a spired pentagonal corner tower. Medieval forms and detail abound, with the brick construction, deep corbel table which encircles the eaves line as if for fortress machicolations and the spire and towered form itself resembling some large French house of the 15th century (see Hotel Jacques Coeur, Bourges) or a Medieval church. The tall Mansard roof once with a window's walk is another, if later, French reference. Trefoil windows at selected locations around the building were once reflected in a fanciful porch at the north-west corner of the building.

Integrity

The stucco has been painted; the widow's walk has gone; and the porch altered.

Physical Description 2

Streetscape

Visible from Racecourse Road, central to the frame created by the commercial development adjoining Wellington Street; relates closely to the Court house and police station on the next oblique corner north; and is the centrepiece of two notable streetscapes, Wellington and Shields Streets.

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.

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