

## FLOUR MILL



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castlemaine front view



flour mill barker street  
castlemaine brickwork detail



flour mill barker street  
castlemaine rear view

### Location

105-107 BARKER STREET CASTLEMAINE, MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

### Municipality

MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

### Level of significance

Registered

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0395

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO573

### VHR Registration

July 6, 1977

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

### Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 8, 1999

The Castlemaine Steam Flour Mill building, a three storey Georgian-style brick and stone structure, was erected in 1856-57 for a local investment company. Thomas Shephard was the architect. The Melbourne Sandhurst railway line contractors Cornish and Bruce acquired the mill in 1859 as a railway foundry. The gable form building with symmetrical plan and elevations is dominated by blind arcades of brick in the Sydney Colonial Georgian tradition.

The Castlemaine steam flour mill was erected as part of an ambitious campaign to monopolise the extensive milling trade in the Castlemaine district. The venture failed spectacularly and later was utilised, with considerable extensions, as the railway foundry of Cornish and Bruce, contractors for the Mount Alexander Railway.

The mill is perhaps the finest mill building in Victoria and a rare documented work of Thomas Shephard. The mill building later was used as a Cobb & Co. Depot and coach-building works. The railway foundry building at the rear of the three storey mill was demolished in 1979. The mill structure, although depressed, affected by rising damp and lack of maintenance, stands largely intact. Some internal timbers and all the machinery have been removed.

### 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 1856,  
Architect/Designer Shephard, Thomas,  
Heritage Act Categories Registered place,  
Other Names CASTLEMAINE MILL,  
Hermes Number 249  
Property Number

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## Extent of Registration

No. 395 Former Steam Flour Mill, 105-107 Barker Street, Castlemaine, to the extent of the front three-storey former mill building.

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*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/>*