

# FORMER CBC BANK



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street castlemaine front view



former cbc bank barker street  
castlemaine corner view

## EXTENT OF DESIGNATION (SUMMARY)



H0712 H0712

### Location

157 BARKER STREET CASTLEMAINE, MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

### Municipality

MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0712

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO575

## VHR Registration

November 9, 1988

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - April 14, 2000

### What is significant?

The establishment of a branch of the Bank of Victoria in Castlemaine was first proposed in 1854, and this was subsequently opened in a temporary iron building. Late in 1855 tenders were called for a more permanent building and construction was undertaken in 1856. The architect was Alfred Price and the builder A. Duncan.

Castlemaine was first surveyed in 1852, after gold had been discovered in the region the year before. It grew rapidly as an administrative and service centre for the rich goldfields and, as a result, a number of banks were established in Castlemaine in the mid-1850s.

The former Commercial Banking Company bank is a two storey Renaissance Revival building of face brickwork with stone dressings and a slate hipped roof with exposed bracketed eaves. The symmetrical front facade has a central entrance porch at ground level, simply conceived in a classical manner. This is flanked by arched windows with heavily quoined surrounds. The upper storey contains three rectangular windows, with the central one emphasised by a segmental bracketed pediment. The whole facade is defined by corner quoining.

By 1927 the bank had been taken over by the Commercial Banking Company.

### How is it significant?

The former CBC bank, Castlemaine is of architectural and historical significance to the state of Victoria.

### Why is it significant?

The former CBC bank, Castlemaine is of architectural significance as an early surviving bank building in Victoria. The unusual adoption of face brickwork rather than render for a bank facade also adds to its significance.

The former CBC bank, Castlemaine is of historical significance for its association with the rapid development of the goldfields in Victoria from 1851. It reflects the dramatic increase in wealth created by the discovery of gold and the subsequent demands on the banking system.

[Online Data Upgrade Project 2007]

## 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. **Note:** All archaeological places have the potential to contain significant sub-surface artefacts and other remains. In most cases it will be necessary to obtain approval from the Executive Director, Heritage Victoria before the undertaking any works that have a significant sub-surface component.

**General Conditions: 3.** If there is a conservation policy and plan all works shall be in accordance with it. **Note:** A Conservation Management Plan or a Heritage Action Plan 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 must 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.

Construction dates            1856,

Architect/Designer            Price, Alfred,

Heritage Act Categories Registered place,

Hermes Number 251

Property Number

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## History

The draft statement of significance and the above history were produced as part of an Online Data Upgrade Project 2007. Sources were as follows:

Perrot, Lyon Mathieson Pty. Ltd. *City of Castlemaine Architectural and Historical Survey*. 1979

B. Trethowan. *A Study of Banks in Victoria, 1851-1939*, Melbourne 1976

## Extent of Registration

### AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 712, former CBC Bank, 157 Barker Street, Castlemaine to the extent of the whole of the buildings and land contained in Allotment 12 of Section 1, Township and Parish of Castlemaine, as described in Memorial No.888, Book 573.

[*Victoria Government Gazette* G43 9 November 1988 p.3362]

*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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