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Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0877

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO253

VHR Registration

August 28, 1991

Amendment to Registration

October 23, 1991

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - July 2, 1999

The former Ducker's auction rooms were built in 1877 to a design by Alexander Davidson and company for WF Ducker, auctioneer

1. The building is historically important as a substantially intact and elaborate example of nineteenth century purpose-built auction rooms.
2. The building's original function is clearly demonstrated in the layout of the main auction room, offices and entry lobby.
3. Its design and decorative features illustrate the creative accomplishment of Alexander Davidson who, in partnership with George Henderson, was influential in the development of architectural traditions in Geelong and the western district of Victoria.
4. The exterior features decorative elements derived from the work Vollet-le-Duc, a prominent nineteenth century architectural theoretician.
5. The building represents continuity of function as an auction room and commercial premises over more than 100 years.

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	1877,
Architect/Designer	Davidson, Alexander,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	2884
Property Number	

History

Associated People:

Extent of Registration

AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 877.

W.F. Ducker's Auction Rooms (Former), 77-79 Malop Street, Geelong.

To the extent of:

1. the buildings formerly known as W.F. Ducker's Auction Rooms, 77-79 Little Malop Street, Geelong, and
2. the land marked L-1 on Plan No. 6032864, endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council, and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council, being all the land described in the Registrar-General's Office Book 871 No. 716.

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G41 23 October 1991 p.2938]

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/>