

## FORMER BRIND'S DISTILLERY



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1 former distillery old  
melbourne road dunnstown  
property view



former brinds distillery old  
melbourne road dunnstown  
bond store managers  
residence she project 2003



former brinds distillery old  
melbourne road dunnstown  
generator shed she project  
2003



former brinds distillery old  
melbourne road dunnstown  
main building roof she project  
2003



former brinds distillery old  
melbourne road dunnstown  
main building west side she  
project 2003



former brinds distillery old  
melbourne road dunnstown  
murphys stables she project  
2003



former brinds distillery old  
melbourne road dunnstown  
roof main building she project  
2003



During the 1860s Robert Dunn established the distillery beside a spring on the south slopes of Mount Warrenheip. It was soon taken over by a chemist, Henry Brind, and by 1893 Brind's distillery employed nearly one third of those working in the distillery industry in Victoria. By 1894 it was the only distillery in Victoria where pot-still whisky was made. During the 1920s the plant was taken over by Federal Distilleries Pty Ltd. Some of the buildings are now used for the bottling of the local spring water.

The former Brind's Distillery is historically significant as a complex of buildings representing the nineteenth century processes adopted for distilling whisky, and also the growth and evolution of the distilling industry in built form.

The former Brind's Distillery is significant as Victoria's last surviving example of a pot still distillery. The availability of grain from surrounding farms, an abundant supply of fresh spring water, proximity to the railway for transport of its products and the large population concentration of nearby Ballarat, all contributed to the siting, establishment and success of Brind's venture.

The utilitarian buildings are representative examples of industrial structures of their time, and together form an intact and uncommon example of a distillery complex.

## 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	1860,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	3119
Property Number	

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## Extent of Registration

### AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 1013.

Former Brinds Distillery, Old Melbourne Road, Dunnstown, Shire of Buninyong.

(To the extent of:

1. The whole of the buildings marked B1-B7 inclusive on Plan 603986I(A) endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.

2. The whole of the land marked L1 on Plan No. 603986I(A) endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council, being the land described in Certificate of Title Volume 9881 Folio 686).

[Victoria Government Gazette No. G8 24 February 1994 p.502]

*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/>*