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# GRACE DARLING HOTEL



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street collingwood front view



grace darling hotel smith  
street collingwood rear view



grace darling hotel smith  
street collingwood rear  
bluestone wing

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## Location

114 SMITH STREET COLLINGWOOD, YARRA CITY

## Municipality

YARRA CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0660

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO135

## VHR Registration

July 1, 1987

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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### Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 9, 2000

What is significant?

The Grace Darling Hotel was built in 1854. The two storey building was constructed of bluestone and rendered brickwork with feature sandstone window surrounds.

How is it significant?

The Grace Darling Hotel is of historical and architectural significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The Grace Darling Hotel is of historical significance as one of the few remaining 1850s goldrush era hotels left in inner Melbourne. The early date of its main structure gives the Grace Darling Hotel great importance within the Collingwood district, one of Victoria's earliest industrial suburbs. During the 1850s, the majority of Collingwood buildings (unlike those in Melbourne and Fitzroy) were constructed of wood. The few substantial brick or stone buildings were hotels or churches. The Grace Darling Hotel provides a striking remnant of these early years of Melbourne's suburban development and an excellent example of an early stone building in Collingwood.

The Grace Darling Hotel is of historical significance for its associations with the Risby and Gellibrand families, notable in Tasmanian politics, the early Tasmanian building trade and its pioneer newspaper industry. The Risby family owned the property from 1852 to c1870.

The Grace Darling Hotel is of historical significance as the venue of the inaugural committee meeting of the Collingwood Football Club in 1892, at which a decision was made to form a football club to play in the new Victorian Football League. The use of a hotel for such purposes was not unusual, pubs serving important social and community functions in the absence of other venues and institutions in early Melbourne.

The Grace Darling Hotel is of architectural significance as a rare type of early hotel and for its association with the architect George Wharton. Built in 1854 in bluestone with Tasmanian dressings, it is one of a very few colonial hotels of this type still surviving in Melbourne. Wharton was an important early Victorian architect who later became the President of the Victorian Institute of Architects. He was one of the designers of the very significant Rushall Park Old Colonists Homes. One of the more unusual buildings for which he was responsible was the Chinese Temple in South Melbourne.

The Grace Darling Hotel is of architectural significance for its associations with the distinguished firm of Sydney Smith, Ogg and Serpell, who designed the sympathetic 1920s red brick extensions as well as minor alterations at the turn of the 19th century.

### 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	1854,
Architect/Designer	Pearson, George,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	316
Property Number	

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## Extent of Registration

### AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 660 The Grace Darling Hotel, 114 Smith Street, Collingwood to the extent of the whole of the buildings and the whole of the land described in Certificate of Title (Volume 9527 Folio 163).  
[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G25 1 July 1987 p. 1771]

*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/>*