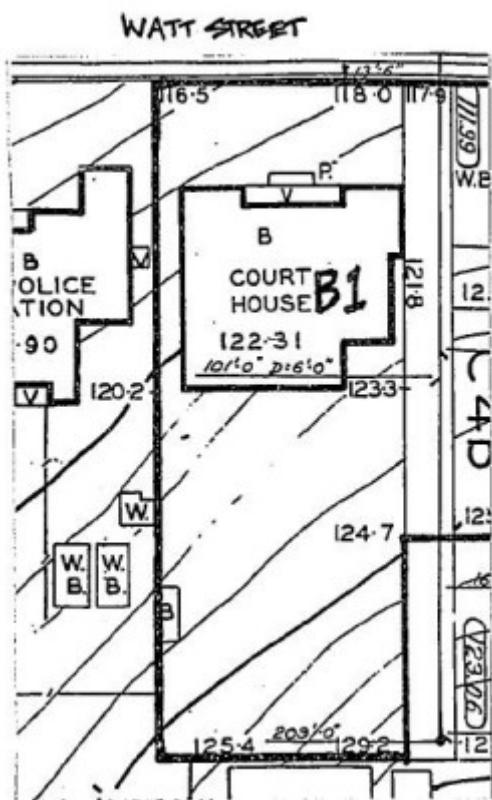


WONTHAGGI COURT HOUSE



1 wonthaggi court house front
view may1993



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Location

75 WATT STREET WONTHAGGI, BASS COAST SHIRE

Municipality

BASS COAST SHIRE

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0974

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO172

VHR Registration

August 5, 1993

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 7, 1997

The town of Wonthaggi is a relatively recent development, coming into existence in 1909 with the opening of the State Coal mine. A Court House forms part of a public precinct and is an important identifiable community element in Wonthaggi.

The Wonthaggi Court House is a unique and essentially intact example of a Georgian Revival Style Court House designed and constructed during the inter-war period, its simplified and refined classicism is characteristic of the Georgian Revival style during the inter-war period. The Wonthaggi Court House also demonstrates the popularity of the Georgian Revival style which was employed on a range of buildings including the Emily MacPherson College of Domestic Economy, also designed by E Evan Smith, which won the Royal Victorian Institute Architects Street Architecture Medal in 1930.

The building was designed by the Public Works Department in 1927 under the supervision of E Evan Smith and acknowledges nineteenth century Court House designs employed in Victoria.

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 Smith, Edwin Evan,
Heritage Act Categories Registered place,
Hermes Number 3683
Property Number

History

Associated People:
Assoc. People PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Extent of Registration

AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 974.

Court House, Watt Street, Wonthaggi, Borough of Wonthaggi.

(To the extent of):

1. The whole of the building known as Wonthaggi Court House (B1), shown on Plan No. 604950P(A) signed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.
2. The land marked L1 on Plan No. 604950P(B) signed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council, being all of the land described in RS 7173, Gazette No. 53.5056.)
[Victoria Government Gazette No. G30 5 August 1993 p.2199]

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/>