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Location

1 - 3 DICKSON STREET ECHUCA, CAMPASPE SHIRE

Municipality

CAMPASPE SHIRE

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0377

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO13

VHR Registration

October 9, 1974

Amendment to Registration

August 18, 1976

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

What is significant?

The former Police Station, Echuca, erected in 1866-6, was designed by H. A. Williams of the Public Works Department and was constructed by W.W. Moore. The original single storey structure built of local red bricks and consisting of four rooms, was extended in 1876 by the addition of two rooms to create the existing symmetrical building with projecting gables at each end and a central recessed timber verandah. A three-cell brick lockup with granite dressings to the openings, built earlier in 1861 and extended in 1887-88, is located at the rear of the building. The original police stables have however been demolished. The buildings were closed as police station and lock up in 1969 and have since been used as a historical museum. A number of rudimentary covered shelters have been erected at the rear of the building for the purposes of protecting external exhibitions.

How is it significant?

The former Police Station, Echuca, is of historical and architectural significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The former Police Station, Echuca, is historically significant as one of the earliest buildings associated with the development of Echuca as Australia's largest inland port. The growth of the building is reflective of growth of the port which peaked during the 1880's.

The former Police Station, Echuca, together with the lockup, are architecturally significant as notable examples of the police buildings erected throughout Victoria in the nineteenth century. The simple detailing and lack of ornament are important features as they reflect the building's utilitarian function and demonstrate an important period in the development of the Public Works Department.

[Online Data Upgrade Project 2003]

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	1867,
Architect/Designer	Williams, Henry A,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	416
Property Number	

History

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The draft statement of significance and the above history were produced as part of an Online Data Upgrade Project 2003. Sources were as follows:

Police Building Survey, Department of Planning & Housing, Historic Buildings Branch

Echuca Conservation Study, 1991

National Estate Register

National Trust Register

Extent of Registration

City of Echuca. No. 145A. Former Police Station, 1-3 Dickson Street, Echuca.
[*Victoria Government Gazette* No 100 Wednesday, October 9 1974 p.3648]

Register Number 145A now becomes Register Number 377.
[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. 77 - August 18, 1976 p.2573]

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/>