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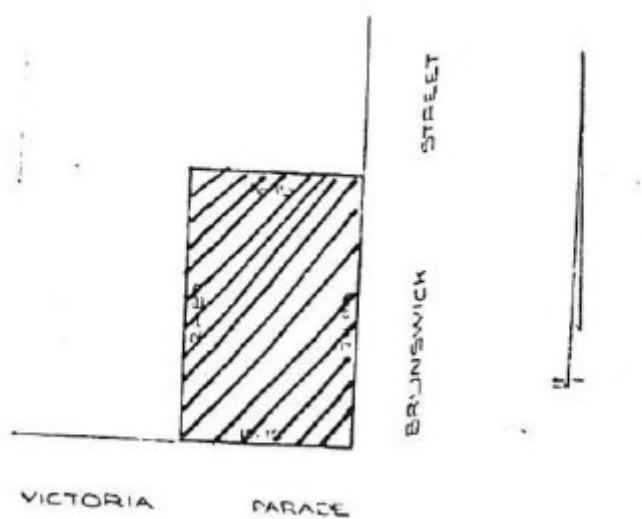
1 former eastern hill hotel
victoria parade fitzroy corner
view



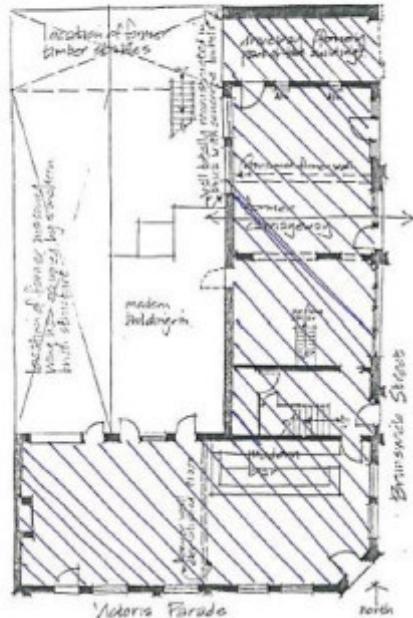
former eastern hill hotel
victoria parade fitzroy front
view



former eastern hill hotel
victoria parade fitzroy rear
view



H0816 H0816 plan



H0816 Building Plan

Location

77 VICTORIA PARADE FITZROY, YARRA CITY

Municipality

YARRA CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0816

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO160

VHR Registration

September 5, 1990

Heritage Listing

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - April 7, 2021

What is significant?

The Former Eastern Hill Hotel, originally known as the Belvidere Hotel, was most likely designed by Joseph Burns and constructed c1854-1856 for Thomas McClelland. The classical facade of the three-storey rendered brick building remains almost exactly as it was when built. Alterations to the hotel in 1866 and 1877 seem to have affected the rear and interior. While the ground and first floor interiors have been substantially altered over the years, the third floor retains a largely intact 19th century layout.

How is it significant?

The Former Eastern Hill Hotel is of historical and architectural significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it Significant?

The Former Eastern Hill Hotel is of historical significance as one of only a small number of gold-rush era hotels to survive in Victoria and for its associations with the Victorian Eight Hour Day movement. The Former Eastern Hill Hotel is one of the largest and most intact of the few remaining 1850s gold rush era hotels left in inner Melbourne. As such it provides important evidence of the impact of the gold rushes on Melbourne's development. In 1856 and subsequent years the building provided the venue for many functions and meetings concerned with, and allied to, the eight hour day movement. The building unionists supporting the eight hour day, who used the hotel as their headquarters, were known as 'belviderites'. The eight hour movement played a very significant role in the early industrial and political history of the colony, and of Australia, and is still celebrated by the union movement.

The Former Eastern Hill Hotel is of architectural significance as one of the most substantial, elegant and externally intact remaining hotels of the early 1850s and for its connections with two prominent early Victorian architects, Joseph Burns and A.F. Kursteiner. Burns seems likely to have been the original architect. The hotel is a valuable representative example of his extensive hotel work from the gold rush period. The renovations from 1866 and 1876 were the work of A.F. Kursteiner, who was also responsible for several other buildings in Fitzroy, most notably the precinct of 33 single and double storey workers houses in Greeves Street Fitzroy, a most unusual example of 19th century speculative development.

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 Burns, Joseph,
Heritage Act Categories Registered place,
Other Names EASTERN HILL HOTEL,
Hermes Number 489
Property Number

Extent of Registration

AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 816:

Eastern Hill Hotel, 77 Victoria Parade (Cnr. Brunswick Street), Fitzroy.

(The whole of the land shown hatched in map, in Certificate of Title Volume 9884 Folio 383 and the buildings shown hatched in Appendix A.)

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G35 3 September 1990 p.2699]

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.

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