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## VHR Registration

November 20, 1997

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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### Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 14, 1999

What is significant?

The Blacksmith's Shop and Residence at Strathbogie comprises a group of timber buildings on a large township block. The building housing the forge and wheelwright's shop is of drop slab and timber pole construction with some bark lining and a galvanised gable and skillion roof. The building was constructed in at least two stages. The earlier housing the forge is reputed to have been built in c.1892 and moved to this site around 1900 by a blacksmith called Letzke. The business was operated from 1908 to 1920 by Jim Rae and then continuously by Albert Price until shortly before his death in 1987. The property is the home of a remarkably intact collection of tools and other artefact connected with the trades of blacksmith and wheelwright. The property also contains a simple weatherboard residence and as well as several timber outbuildings. The collection of buildings is in good condition considering their age but at the time of registration the forge building was in need of urgent stabilising repairs and attention to the roof cladding.

How is it significant?

The Blacksmith's Shop and Residence at Strathbogie are of historic, social and scientific (technological) significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The Blacksmith's Shop and Residence at Strathbogie are of historic importance as a relatively rare and intact example of a once plentiful type. The existence of a near complete set of tools and equipment, still stored in their original setting and locations, is crucial to the significance of the place. The place is historically important for its associations with Albert Price, the Strathbogie blacksmith who operated at the site for 67 years.

The Blacksmith's Shop and Residence at Strathbogie are of social importance as an example of, and its ability to demonstrate, the way of life of a 'village smithy'. The place is socially significant because it contains all the elements of a self sufficient lifestyle including a virtually intact forge and wheelwright's shop with its collection of tools and equipment, as well as a saw bench, cow bail, dairy within a water tank stand, shearing plant, the remains of a fowl house, a washhouse and larder, and a well with both hand and mechanical pumps.

The Blacksmith's Shop and Residence at Strathbogie are of scientific (technological) importance for its near complete set of blacksmith's and wheelwright's tools and equipment. The collection is important not only for its intactness but because many of the tools were made by Albert Price for his own use.

## 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:**

#### **EXEMPTIONS FROM PERMITS:**

(Classes of works or activities which may be undertaken without a permit under Part 4 of the Heritage Act 1995)

The issue of permit exemptions will be revisited should a conservation management plan be prepared.

Construction dates	1892,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place, Registered archaeological place,
Hermes Number	5209
Property Number	

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### **Extent of Registration**

#### **NOTICE OF REGISTRATION**

As Executive Director for the purpose of the Heritage Act, I give notice under Section 46 that the Victorian Heritage Register is amended by including the Heritage Register Number 1376 in the category described as a Heritage and Archaeological Place:

Blacksmiths Shop and Residence, Haley Street and Main Road, Strathbogie, Strathbogie Shire Council.

#### **EXTENT:**

1. All of the buildings marked as follows on Diagram 607906 held by the Executive Director:

B-1 Blacksmith and Wheelwright Shop

B-2 Residence;

B-3 Tank Stand/Dairy

B-4 Wash House

B-5 Garden Shed

B-6 Saw Bench Shed

B-7 Cow Shed  
B-8 Remains Of Fowl House  
F-1 Well And Pump  
F-2 Scrap Iron Pile.

2. All of the objects being the tools and equipment connected with the operation of the place as a blacksmith and wheelwright.

3. All of the land marked L-1 on Diagram 607906 held by the Executive Director being all of the land described in Certificate of Title Volume 2648, Folio 523.

Dated 6 November 1997

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Executive Director  
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*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/>*