

## POST OFFICE



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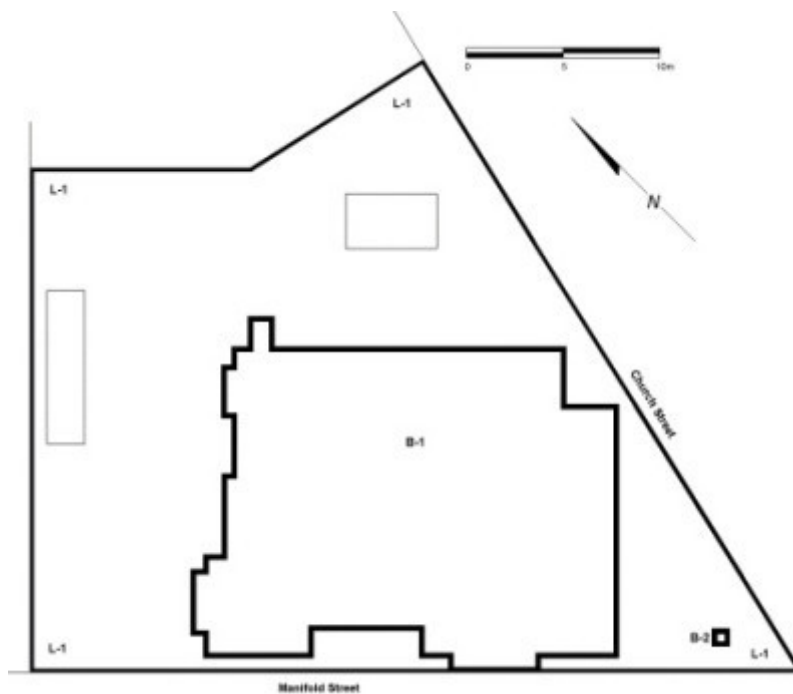
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front view sep1997



camperdown post office plan

**Location**

1 CHURCH STREET CAMPERDOWN, CORANGAMITE SHIRE

**Municipality**

CORANGAMITE SHIRE

**Level of significance**

Registered

**Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number**

H1384

**Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO12

**VHR Registration**

December 11, 1997

**Heritage Listing**

Victorian Heritage Register

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**Statement of Significance**

Last updated on - May 14, 1999

What is significant?

The Camperdown Post Office was constructed in 1863 as the Post Office and Telegraph Station, after the coming of the telegraph line to Camperdown in late 1862. The original single storey Victorian Italianate building was constructed from locally quarried basalt, to plans prepared by Public Works Department architects and was the only stone building among a stylistic group of gabled early brick post offices which included Yackandandah, Mornington and Rutherglen. Various alterations and additions were made to the building in the late nineteenth century, including the construction of a writing and telegraph despatch room, and a new entrance, counter and archway. Continuing dissatisfaction with the facilities, however, culminated in major alterations and a two storey addition in 1909, in the Arts and Crafts style. Rock faced and fine axed basalt were used in the alterations, with the slate roof accented by half gables and wide bellcast eaves. The additions, which were considered to be a 'transformation', complement the original building fabric. Both phases of construction are exemplars of the mason's craft in Western Victoria. The Post Office is one of the earliest public buildings in Camperdown and an important component of the public buildings precinct in Manifold Street that includes the Court House, Shire Offices and Memorial Clock Tower.

How is it significant?

The Camperdown Post Office is historically and architecturally important to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The Camperdown Post Office is historically important as one of the oldest established postal and telecommunications buildings in Victoria. The alterations and additions, particularly the transformation of the building in 1909, reflect the increasing postal and telegraph needs of an expanding district. The series of changes to the fabric and layout, far from detracting from the significance of the building, help to document evolving postal

and telecommunications practices in Victoria. The survival of the distinctive cast iron pillar box in front of the post office adds to an understanding of its function and significance.

The Camperdown Post Office is important as one of the earliest public buildings in Camperdown and a key component of the Manifold Street public buildings precinct.

The Camperdown Post Office is architecturally significant as one of the most visually striking post office buildings in the State, an effect achieved mainly by the unusual grafting of an Arts and Crafts style addition to an earlier gabled Italianate building. It is also important as a striking and well executed example of the stonemason's craft in Victoria. The construction of the later Arts and Craft additions in bluestone to match the earlier building was unorthodox for the period and has resulted in an exceptionally unusual and distinctive structure, particularly for an established post office building.

## 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)

#### General Conditions:

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.

Should it become apparent during further inspection or the carrying out of alterations 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 alteration shall cease and the Executive Director shall be notified as soon as possible.

If there is a conservation policy and plan approved by the Executive Director, all works shall be in accordance with it.

Nothing in this declaration prevents the Executive Director from amending or rescinding all or any of the permit exemptions.  
Nothing in this declaration exempts owners or their agents from the responsibility to seek relevant planning or building permits from the responsible authority where applicable.

#### Exterior

Minor repairs and maintenance which replace like with like.  
Demolition or removal of outbuildings and sheds.  
Removal of extraneous items such as air conditioners, pipe work, ducting, wiring, antennae, aerials etc, and making good.  
Installation or repair of damp-proofing by either injection method or grouted pocket method.  
Painting of previously painted surfaces provided that preparation or painting does not remove evidence of the original paint or other decorative scheme.

#### Interior

Installation, removal or replacement of counters.  
Painting of previously painted walls and ceilings provided that preparation or painting does not remove evidence of the original paint or other decorative scheme.  
Removal of paint from originally unpainted or oiled joinery, doors, architraves, skirtings and decorative strapping.  
Installation, removal or replacement of carpets and/or flexible floor coverings.  
Installation, removal or replacement of curtain track, rods, blinds and other window dressings.  
Installation, removal or replacement of hooks, nails and other devices for the hanging of mirrors, paintings and other wall mounted artworks.  
Refurbishment of bathrooms and toilets including removal, installation or replacement of sanitary fixtures and associated piping, mirrors, wall and floor coverings.  
Installation, removal or replacement of kitchen benches and fixtures including sinks, stoves, ovens, refrigerators, dishwashers etc and associated plumbing and wiring.  
Installation, removal or replacement of ducted, hydronic or concealed radiant type heating provided that the installation does not damage existing skirtings and architraves and provided that the location of the heating unit is concealed from view.  
Installation, removal or replacement of electrical wiring provided that all new wiring is fully concealed and any original light switches, pull cords, push buttons or power outlets are retained in-situ. Note: if wiring original to the place was carried in timber conduits then the conduits should remain in-situ.  
Installation, removal or replacement of bulk insulation in the roof space.  
Installation, removal or replacement of smoke detectors.

Construction dates	1863,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	CAMPERDOWN POST OFFICE,
Hermes Number	5311
Property Number	

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## History

Associated People:

## 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 1384 in the category described as a Heritage Place:

Post Office, 1 Church Street Camperdown, Corangamite Shire Council.

### EXTENT:

1. All of the buildings and structures marked B-1 (post office) B-2 (post box) and on Diagram 608101 held by the Executive Director.
2. All of the land marked L-1 on Diagram 608101 held by the Executive Director being all of the land described in Certificate of Title Volume 9998, Folio 184.

Dated 4 December 1997

RAY TONKIN

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/>*