

# WARRACKNABEAL POST OFFICE



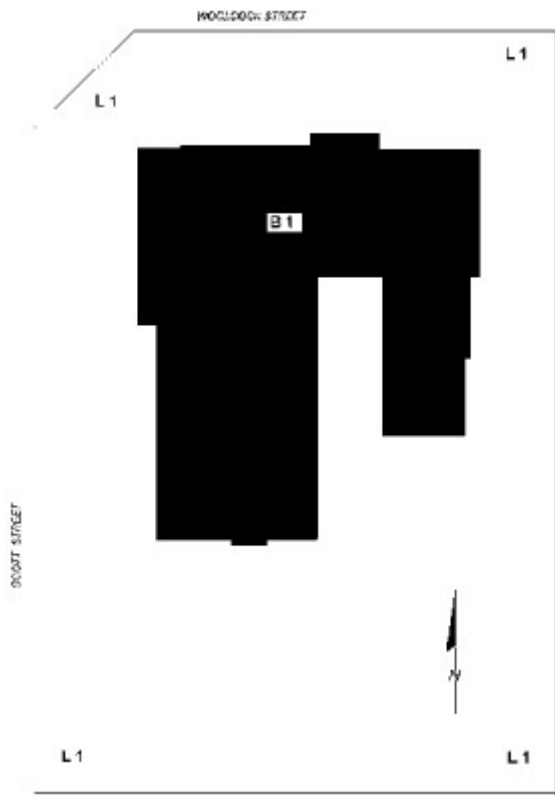
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## Location

107 SCOTT STREET WARRACKNABEAL, YARRIAMBIACK SHIRE

## Municipality

YARRIAMBIACK SHIRE

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1737

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO65

## VHR Registration

August 20, 1998

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 28, 1999

What is significant?

The Warracknabeal Post Office was constructed in 1906-07 to the design of the Victorian Public Works Department architect Samuel Bindley. The two storeyed building is constructed in the English Domestic Revival style and features face brickwork to the ground floor level and half timbering to the upper storey. The elaborately ornamented exterior features heavily ribbed chimneys. The postmaster's quarters which, with four large bedrooms, an elegant drawing room, living room, dining room and kitchen, is one of the grandest postal residences in Victoria. The postal chamber is by comparison quite modest and has been extensively altered over the years although it has retained its pressed metal ceiling. An addition to the south was made in 1912-13 to house the telegraph office.

How is it significant?

The Warracknabeal Post Office is of architectural significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The Warracknabeal Post Office is architecturally important as a successful example of the English Domestic Revival style as applied to a public building. It is well crafted and, unusually, its decorative half timbering is carried even into areas which are not immediately visible from the street. It is an important work of the Public Works Department Architect Samuel Bindley. The post office is architecturally significant as a picturesque and imposing element of the Warracknabeal streetscape and is one of the finest public buildings in western 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](#).

### **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.
2. 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.
3. If there is a conservation policy and plan approved by the Executive Director, all works shall be in accordance with it.
4. Nothing in this declaration prevents the Executive Director from amending or rescinding all or any of the permit exemptions.
5. 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 apart from the brick store and lunchroom.
- \* 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            1906,  
Architect/Designer            Bindley, Samuel Ebden,  
Heritage Act Categories      Registered place,  
Hermes Number                5430  
Property Number

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## History

Although this building was constructed in 1906-07, well after Federation, it was designed by Samuel Bindley of the State Public Works Department. The Victorian PWD continued to construct buildings as agent of the Commonwealth for some years. It was not until 1912 that the Dept of Home Affairs Victorian Public Works Branch took responsibility for all new Commonwealth buildings, and the Commonwealth Department of Works and Railways was formed in 1916.

The previous post office built in 1890 and altered in 1891 and 1901 was demolished in February 1906.

Source: Ian Wright (PO BOX 134, Warracknabeal) author of work on 150 years of postal service in Warracknabeal.

It is said that John Monash was involved as engineer when 36 piles were driven into the ground to carry beams to support the brick walls. (Source: John Monash website Monash University)

## Extent of Registration

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### 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 1737 in the category described as a Heritage place:

Post Office, 107 Scott Street, Warracknabeal, Shire of Yarriambiack.

### EXTENT:

1. All the building marked B-1 on Diagram 608338 held by the Executive Director.
2. All of the land marked L-1 on Diagram 608338 held by the Executive Director, being all of the land described in Certificate of Title Volume 9575 Folio 777.

Dated 13 August 1998.

RAY TONKIN  
Executive Director

[Victoria Government Gazette G 33 20 August 1998 p.2255]

*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/>*