

186 HIGH STREET KEW, BOROONDARA CITY

Municipality

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Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0885

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO68

VHR Registration

August 28, 1991

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - July 2, 1999

What is significant?

The former Kew Post Office was built at the apex of a complex constructed to also accommodate a police station and court house. The building was designed in the Queen Anne style by the Public Works Department's architect J Harvey and completed in 1888.

How is it significant?

The Kew Post Office is of historic and architectural significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The former Kew Post Office, together with the Court House and Police Station, is important because it exhibits diversity in integrating civil offices, and because the design accommodates the apex of road junctions. The former post office is important because it demonstrates a departure from the contemporaneously favoured High Victorian Classical to the Queen Anne style in the design of civic buildings. The former Kew Post Office is of historic importance because of its relationship to, and ability to reflect, Melbourne's prosperity in the late nineteenth century; a prosperity which gave rise to the emergence of an upper middle class and the development of Kew as one of Melbourne's wealthier suburbs.

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	1887,
Architect/Designer	Harvey, JH,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	620
Property Number	

History

Associated People:

Extent of Registration

AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 885.

Kew Post Office, 190 High Street, Kew.

To the extent of:

(1) that part of the building formerly known as the Kew Post Office, 190 High Street, Kew, and
(2) the land marked L-1 on Plan 6037689, endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council, being all the land described in the Register Book Certificate of Title Volume 5775 Folio 948.

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G33 28 August 1991 pp.2423-2424]

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/>