

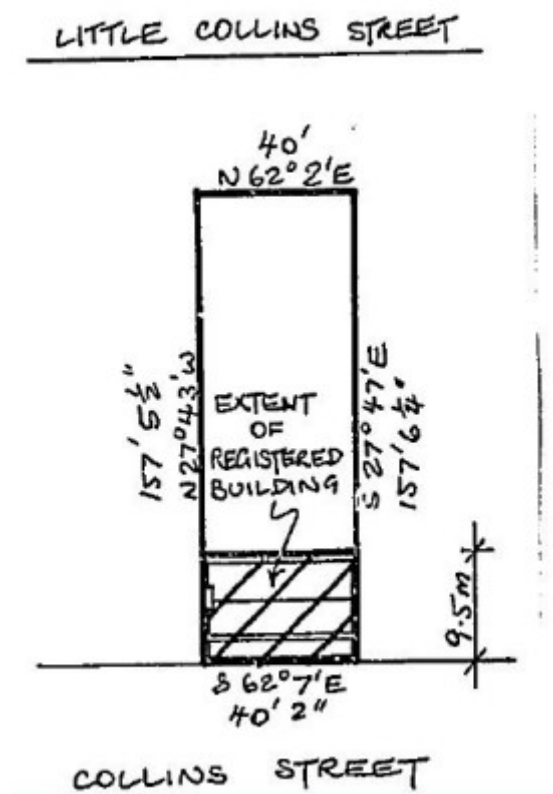
# MELVILLE HOUSE



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1 melville house collins street  
melbourne front view



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## Location

52-54 COLLINS STREET MELBOURNE, MELBOURNE CITY

## Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0607

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO566

## VHR Registration

December 11, 1985

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 7, 2000

What is significant?

Melville House assumed its current facade in 1881 when alterations and additions to an existing building were designed by Billing & Son architects for the owner Dr Ray. The work was carried out by the builder Henry Yeo. Melville House consists of a pair of three-storey, stuccoed brick structures that originally served as residences and professional premises. Stuccoed details include the first floor round-headed windows framed by columns, and at second floor level the decorative band beneath the windows and the hoods. The surviving original portions of the facade of Melville House are typical examples of domestic so-called Boom Style architecture. A balustraded parapet completes the composition. New shop fronts were incorporated into the ground floor in 1927 and the two buildings were linked at an unknown date.

How is it significant?

Melville House is of historical and architectural significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

Melville House is historically significant as one of the few surviving nineteenth century residences in the central city area. It is representative of the more domestic scale buildings that were occupied by professionals such as doctors and lawyers at the top end of Collins Street.

Melville House is architecturally significant as an excellent example of the so-called Boom Style architecture of 1880s Victoria. The lavish use of stucco decoration is typical of the style but is a rare surviving example of the type in the city.

## 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	1881,
Architect/Designer	Billing & Son,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	716
Property Number	

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## Extent of Registration

### AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 607 Melville House, 52-54 Collins Street, Melbourne (to the extent of the interior and exterior of that part of the building between the Collins Street boundary and the northern extremity of the front gable roof and the land as entered in the Register Book as Volume 6175 Folio 132).

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. 122 11 December 1985 p. 4592]

*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/>*