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# OGG AND COMPANY (INTERNAL FIXTURES, FITTINGS, JOINERY, CEILING AND ETCHED GLASS WINDOWS ONLY)



ogg & company  
demolished 76 collins street  
front view

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## Location

(FORMERLY) 76-78 COLLINS STREET MELBOURNE, MELBOURNE CITY

## Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0031

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO69

## VHR Registration

October 9, 1974

## Heritage Listing

## Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

Building (part) was added to the HBR in 1974. The Gazettal dated 9 October 1974 reads: Ogg and Company (Internal fixtures, fittings, joinery, ceiling and etched glass windows only) 76-78 Collins St. Melbourne. The building was demolished under a permit dated 23 April 1976. The building elements (ceiling etc and contents) were acquired by the Historic Buildings Council and given to the Museum of 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](#).

Construction dates	1861,
Architect/Designer	Webb, Charles,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered object,
Other Names	OGG'S PHARMACY, OGG'S PHARMACY,
Hermes Number	718
Property Number	

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## History

### Contextual History:

#### History of Place:

The building formerly at 76-78 Collins Street was constructed in about 1861. Over the years it had been altered but the chemist shop interior remained unaltered. The exact date of construction of the fixtures and fittings is unknown but it was the latter part of the last century. C.Ogg leased the shop in 1872 and the business of Ogg & Co. continued 1976 when the last owner of the business, Mr. J.W.L. Skepper, closed the shop because of pending demolition of the building. The building included an outstanding example of a 19th century pharmacy interior and one of the few to remain intact.

The Historic Building Preservation Council on 23 April 1976 issued a permit for the demolition of the building situated at and known as Ogg's Pharmacy 76-78 Collins Street, Melbourne being numbered 31 on the Register of Historic Buildings. At this time the Historic Buildings Council purchased the fittings and fixtures of the building. This included internal fixtures, fittings, joinery, ceiling and etched glass windows. The chairman of the Council Mr Rodney Davidson said the pharmacy was the first building the council had bought since it was formed in 1974 under the Historic buildings Act. Mr Davidson said he regarded the buying or acquisition of a building as a last resort measure of the council.

Before the fittings and fixtures were removed the unoccupied premises were broken into and some of the features were stolen. In particular the magnificent engraved glass panel recording the appointment of Ogg & Co. as pharmacists to his Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh with the Royal Coat of Arms, was stolen. The glass panel was particularly important both in itself and as a feature of the shop interior. Eighteen drawer knobs and one drawer were also stolen.

The objects once purchased were vested in the Science Museum. The plan was to include the collection as part of an exhibition on medicine and pharmacy in Australia at the new then Scienceworks museum. In the interim the collection was placed in storage at the Science Museum Store at Abbotsford. This included:

- \* The wooden fixtures and fittings, including storage units and display cases;
- \* An illuminated sign;
- \* A ceiling rose;
- \* The original paper-mache surfaced plaster-ceiling cut into strips.

In September 1999 it was established that the collection had never been put on display and that some of the furniture from the building and the ceiling are now stored at the Moreland Annexe (it was originally stored at the Abbotsford Annexe). The address of the annexe is 10 Cameron Street Coburg.

Associated People:

## Extent of Registration

*City of Melbourne*. No. 31. Ogg and Company (internal fixtures, fittings, joinery, ceiling and etched glass windows only). 76/78 Collins Street, Melbourne.

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[Now housed at the Museum of Victoria]

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