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Milton House Flinders Lane  
Melbourne Front View  
October 1982



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melb side view oct1982

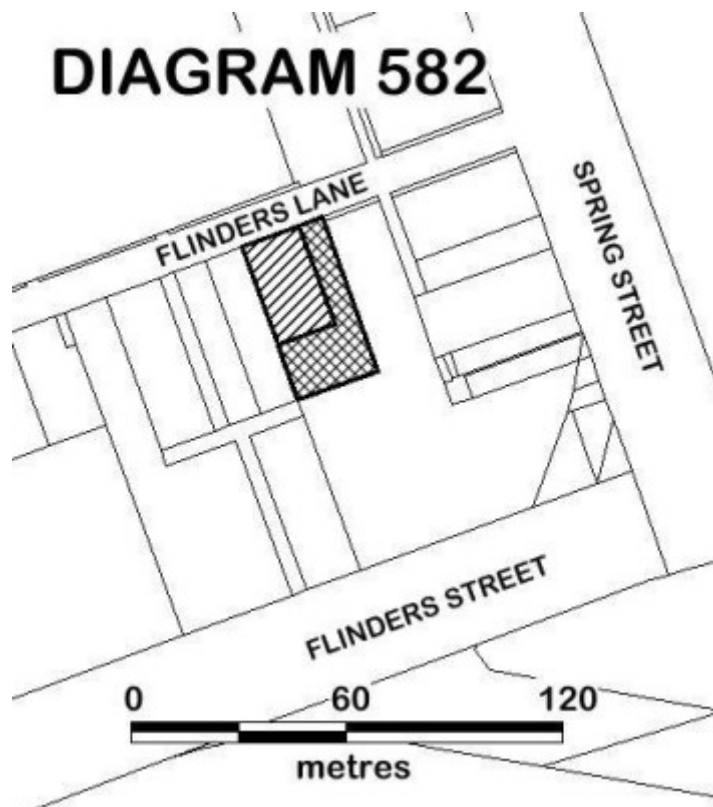


Diagram 582.jpg

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## Location

21-25 FLINDERS LANE MELBOURNE, MELBOURNE CITY

## Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0582

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO637

## VHR Registration

August 29, 1984

## Amendment to Registration

June 14, 2018

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 22, 1999

What is significant?

Milton House is a three-storey brick building with an almost Georgian symmetrical facade with quoined corners and deep, bracketed eaves. The linked chimneys suggest the English Baroque of Hawksmoor. The central bay incorporates a major arch of American Romanesque character. The overall classical form is probably attributable to the architects Sydney Smith and Ogg, but much of the detail is thought to be that of their consultant Robert Haddon, the leading local exponent of the art nouveau: in particular the ornamental terracotta band, the sinuous broken label mould of the entrance arch, the wrought-iron work within the arch, and the use of brick strips to link windows of the first and second floors - all of which are more or less characteristic of Haddon's work elsewhere. The interior of the building is plain and functional, and is an early example of the use of coved skirtings for hospital purposes. The glass includes some very subtle and some very bold combinations of colour; single pieces of mixed hue; motifs resembling snails and sunflowers seen on edge like parasols; abstract renderings of scenes such as the sun shining on waves; and other compositions of exquisitely contrived tension and asymmetry. Built as a private hospital in 1901 for the eminent Melbourne surgeon, William Moore, who was the first master of surgery graduate of the University of Melbourne, Milton House was subsequently a rooming house, reverted to a medical context in its use by the Victorian Health Commission for X-ray purposes and later became government

offices.

How is it significant?

Milton House is of architectural significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

Milton House is architecturally significant as one of the rare examples of the application of art nouveau design to a building in Victoria. The building is an exquisite composition drawing substantially on the intricacy and delicacy of art nouveau but also skilfully blending elements of the more robust and powerful American Romanesque and Georgian styles to produce an integrated but unique design.

## 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:

Declaration no.19

Further exemptions granted November 1998 by Executive Director:

Replacement of external signage, carpets, repair and paint internal walls and ceilings and removal of partition walls.

### CONDITIONS

1. The external signage is not to exceed the current dimensions.
2. External signage is to be the same material as currently exists.

Construction dates        1901,

Architect/Designer Sydney Smith & Ogg,  
Heritage Act Categories Registered place,  
Hermes Number 748  
Property Number

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## History

### History of Place:

The building application lodged in April 1900 was for the erection of a house for Dr William Moore. Dr Moore came to Melbourne to study medicine after completing his early education at Brisbane Grammar School. In 1885 he joined the surgical outpatient staff of the Melbourne Hospital and in 1889 he was made honorary surgeon to St Vincents Hospital.

The suspicion that Haddon in fact designed the exterior of the building is given weight by his criticism of the interior in an article in 1906, and by the naming of Haddon as designer of the wrought iron grille above the entrance in an article in 1910 for the Working Men's College.

Associated People: Robert Haddon

Dr William Moore

## Extent of Registration

### NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

As Executive Director for the purpose of the **Heritage Act 2017**, I give notice under section 53 that the Victorian Heritage Register is amended by modifying the following place in the Heritage Register:

Number: H0582

Category: Heritage Place

Place: Milton House

Location: 21-25 Flinders Lane, Melbourne

Municipality: Melbourne City

All of the place shown hatched on Diagram 582 less the part shown crosshatched and encompassing part of Lot 1 on Title Plan 800196. The extent of the hatched area is to the boundary line on the north and west sides, and to the extent of the eaves overhang on south and east sides of the building.

Dated 14 June 2018

STEVEN AVERY

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/>*