

## MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY BOAT CLUB SHED



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university boat club shed  
yarra bank off jeffries pde  
melbourne front



melbourne university boat  
club front elevation



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boat club shed yarra bank off  
jeffries pde melbourne other  
side she project 2004



h00682 melbourne university  
boat club shed yarra bank off  
jeffries pde melbourne side



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## Location

BOATHOUSE DRIVE MELBOURNE, MELBOURNE CITY

## Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0682

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO499

## VHR Registration

February 10, 1988

## Heritage Listing

## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - February 23, 2000

What is significant?

The Melbourne University Boat Club Shed is a two-storey weatherboard building designed by A S Eggleston and opened in 1908, coinciding with the 50th anniversary of the forming of the University Boat Club. Professor Martin Irving, the founder of the club, had rowed for Oxford University in England. The opening ceremony was performed by Professor William Kernot. The shed was built by R T James at a cost of 785 pounds. The club had previously been accommodated at Fuller and Jerram's shed for the previous fifty years. The fleet of boats housed at the shed in 1909 composed 9 eights, 5 fours, 4 pairs and a sculling boat. The original building measured 20.7 metres by 10.7 metres and was constructed of oregon studs and jarrah weatherboards. A small hipped-roof belvedere stands on the north-east corner, overlooking the river. The ground floor is used for the storage of boats and equipment and the first floor as club rooms, showers and toilets. There are recessed verandahs at both ends. The verandahs are composed of three bays with a very simple triple arched valance with plain lattice pattern balusters on the first floor. The southern verandah has stilted segmental arches on the ground floor. The roof of the small lookout tower on the north east corner has similar detailing. The south verandah has been partially enclosed. A concrete block addition was built to the west facade in 1978.

How is it significant?

The Melbourne University Boat Club Shed is of historical significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The Melbourne University Boat Club Shed is historically significant for its associations with the University Boat Club, the oldest rowing club in Australia. It is also associated with many of Victoria's and Australia's best rowers. The shed is a rare example of a substantial early twentieth century Rowing Club building, and is picturesquely designed to complement the river setting.

## 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	1908,
Architect/Designer	Eggleston, AS,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	831
Property Number	

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## History

History of Place:

Throughout its history the MUBC has taken a major part in Australian rowing. It has dominated the Intervarsity Rowing Championships with the most wins in the Oxford and Cambridge Cup for the men's eights. The Intervarsity Championships is one of the oldest established sporting events in Australia. In 1896 the trophy was provided for the race by Oxford and Cambridge "Blues" as a perpetual trophy for the men's eights. Intercollegiate rowing also has its own long history and tradition, starting with a four-oared race in 1881 between Trinity and Ormond. The inter-Collegiate contest has been held every year except during the two world wars. (melbourne University Boat Club Renovation and Extension Proposal, Fooks Martin Sandow Pty, 1998)

## Extent of Registration

AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 682 -

Melbourne University Boat Club Shed, Yarra Bank, off Jeffries Parade, Melbourne -

To the extent of the whole of the building and land as shown on the plan held by the Ministry for Planning and Environment.

[Victoria Government Gazette No. G5 10 February 1988 p. 289]

*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/>*