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1 residence 18 berry street
richmond front view

EXTENT OF DESIGNATION (SUMMARY)



H0710 H0710

Location

18 BERRY STREET RICHMOND, YARRA CITY

Municipality

YARRA CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0710

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO226

VHR Registration

October 12, 1988

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - July 20, 1999

What is significant?

The Residence at 18 Berry Street Richmond, an imposing two-storey timber house in a narrow street, was constructed in 1886 for the goldfields pioneer Henry Frencham (1816-1897).

How is it significant?

The Residence at 18 Berry Street Richmond is of historical and social significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it Significant?

The Residence at 18 Berry Street Richmond is of historical significance as one of the few surviving two-storey timber terrace houses in the inner metropolitan area. As such, it is an unusual example of a timber building constructed at a time when elaborate boom style terraces were largely being constructed from brick. It appears to be an example of the more rudimentary forms of building that were resorted to by the less well-off, although, certainly in his earlier years, the building's owner seems to have been of reasonably substantial means.

The Residence at 18 Berry Street Richmond is of historical significance for its association with Henry Frencham, described as a railway carriage builder in the year prior to the house's construction. Frencham was born in Wexford, Ireland, in 1816, arrived in Melbourne in 1840, and was later notable as a goldfields pioneer. He worked at first as a reporter on the Port Phillip Gazette, but later went prospecting at Ballarat, Forest Creek (Castlemaine) and Bendigo. He had some success and continued digging at Bendigo until 1854. Subsequently he bought an estate at Windsor for subdivision, and a cattle station at Warrandyte, where he became manager of the Magnet Gold Mining Company. Frencham claimed to have been the discoverer of the Bendigo gold field. He died in this house in 1897.

The Residence at 18 Berry Street Richmond is of social significance as the primary location for the filming of the Australian film *Dogs in Space*. *Dogs in Space* portrayed the sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll subculture of the late 1970s, one of the first Australian films to do so with a degree of mainstream success. It starred, among others, singer Michael Hutchence, and was an important cultural reference point for young people in the 1980s. The house is still readily recognised by many who have seen the film.

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](#).

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| Construction dates | 1886, |
| Heritage Act Categories | Registered place, |
| Other Names | WOODEN TERRACE HOUSE, 18 BERRY STREET RICHMOND, |
| Hermes Number | 970 |
| Property Number | |

Extent of Registration

AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 710:

18 Berry Street, Richmond

to the extent of all the buildings and the whole of the land included in the Certificate of Title Volume 8249 Folio 164.

[*Victoria Government Gazette* G39 12 October 1988 p.3105]

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/>