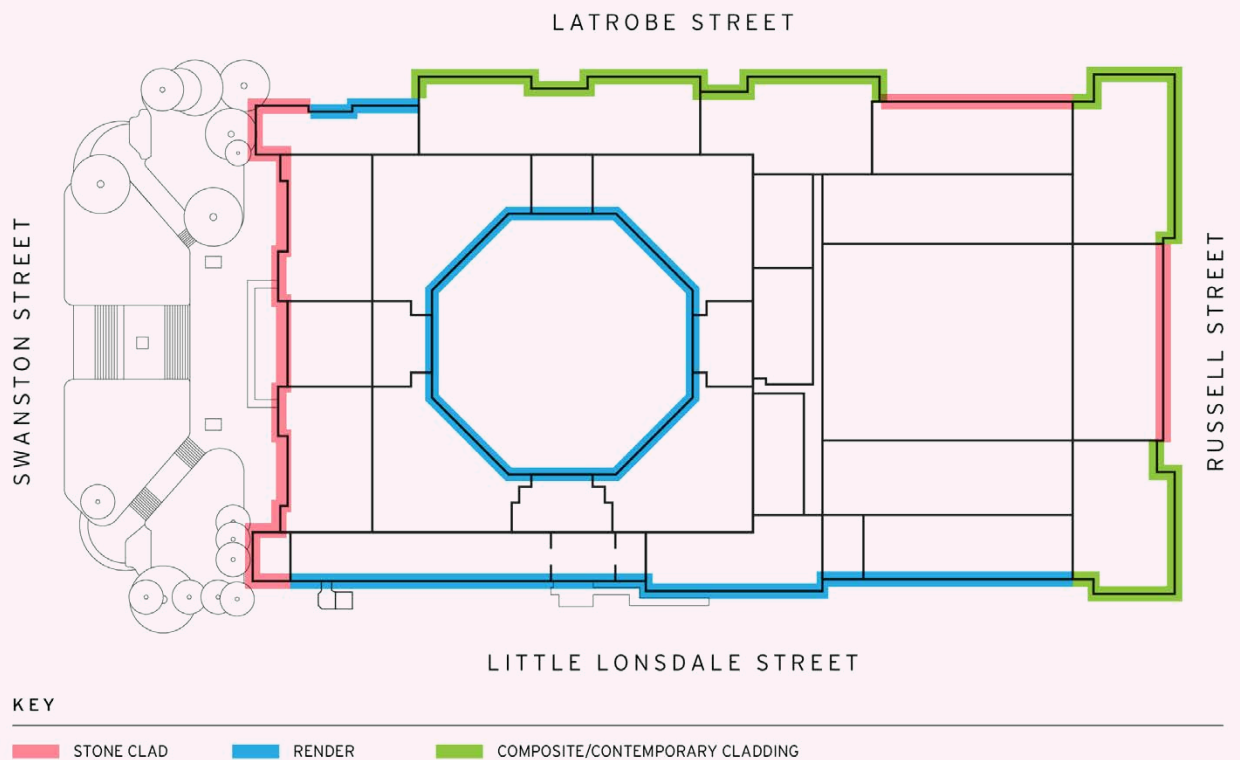




1 328 Swanston Street - State Library of Victoria

This plan of the building indicates which walls are clad in stone and which are not.



2

300 Queen Street - Former residence

After the discovery of gold in Victoria in 1851, the city grew rapidly and many early residential dwellings were replaced by larger, more substantial commercial buildings.

300 Queen Street was sufficiently robust to support the addition of a third level in 1858, and in following decades of economic boom and downturn it is likely that its size, location, and capacity for adaptation all contributed to its survival.



Image credit: Google street view

3

15 Sutherland Street, corner of Guildford Lane - Former Buck's Head Hotel stables

Bluestone is all around you. Look at laneways, paving, kerbing and gutter stone all over the city. It's the main building material for the Old Melbourne Gaol and St Patrick's Cathedral, and you'll see it forming the lower level of public buildings such as Parliament House, the Old Treasury Building and Melbourne Town Hall. (Bluestone also hides underground as footings to even more buildings)

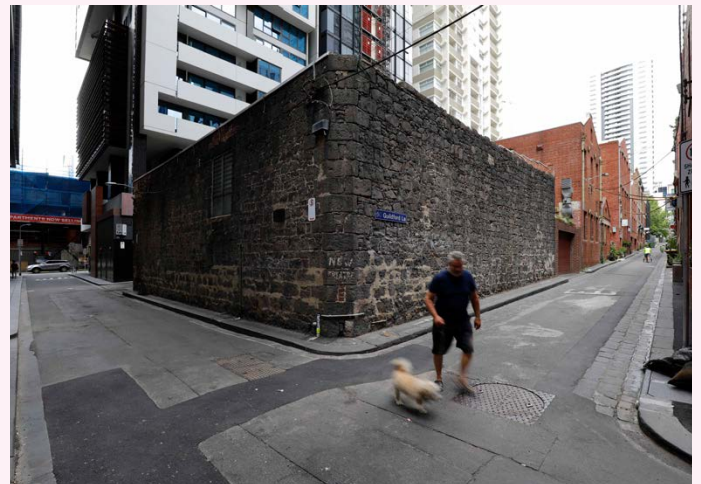


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283-285 Elizabeth Street and 352-362 Lonsdale Street - Mitchell House

Mitchell House has a curved presentation to the intersection of Elizabeth and Lonsdale streets, but if you look closely, you'll see that only the solid bands between the glazing are rounded, whereas the windows take the corner in steps!

At each floor nine window panes create the illusion of curved glass.

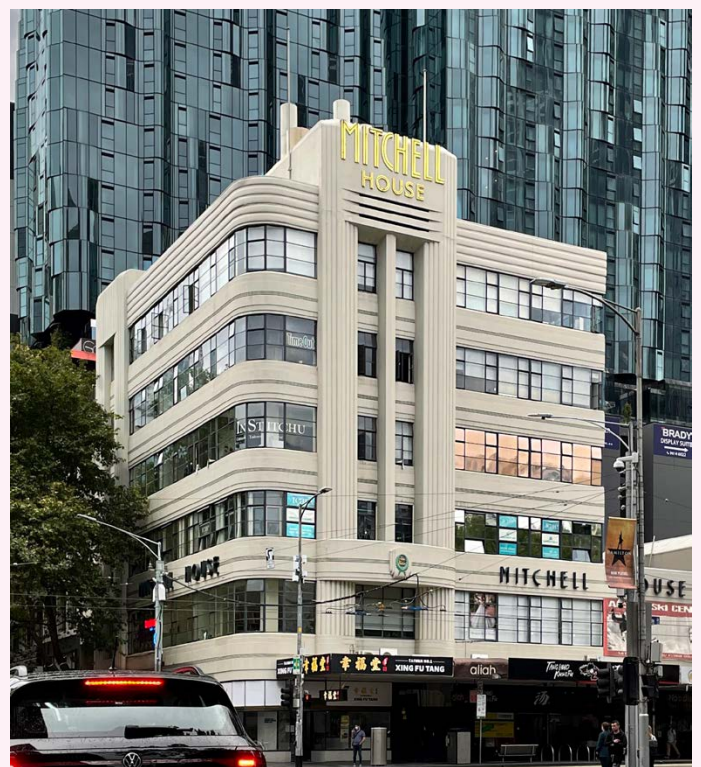


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63-67 Hardware Lane and 23-31 Niagara Lane - Warehouses

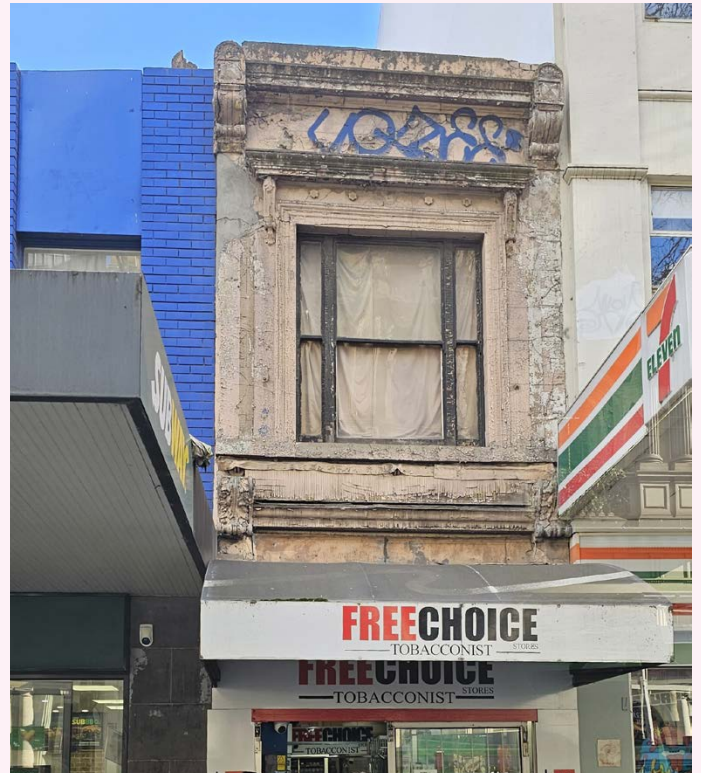
The movement of goods between the street and the upper floors was facilitated by external hoists on protruding crane beams. You can see them near the roof line of several warehouse buildings in city laneways.



6

195 Elizabeth Street - Former gold broker's office and oyster saloon

During the early 1850s Elizabeth Street and its northwards extension became the start of the route to the goldfields. Businesses established along the street catered directly to new arrivals who were heading to the diggings, and also to those returning.



7

314 Bourke Street - Myer Bourke Street

Myer Christmas Windows



Image credit: Herald Sun

8

335 Bourke Street - Royal Arcade

Gog and Magog

Image credit: National Archives of Australia



9

90-120 Swanston Street, footpath close to Little Collins Street - Larry La Trobe statue

A dog



10

191 Collins Street - Regent Theatre

The Regent was built as a cinema and was the flagship of Hoyt's Theatres. (Although, from the outset it was designed to include facilities for live entertainment on stage as well as being a movie palace.)

Image credit: State Library Victoria



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196 Flinders Street - Metropolitan Gas Company

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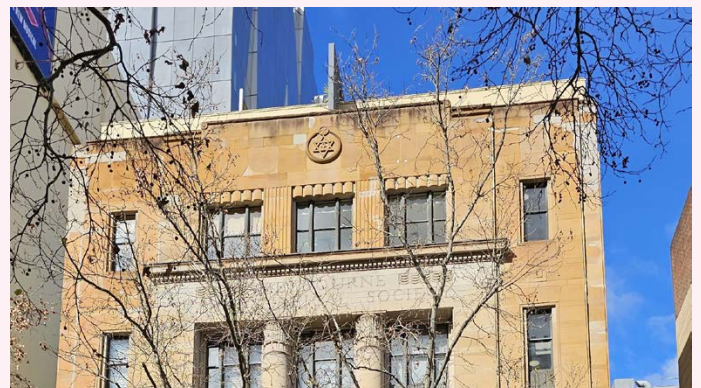
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181-187 Collins Street - former Theosophical Building

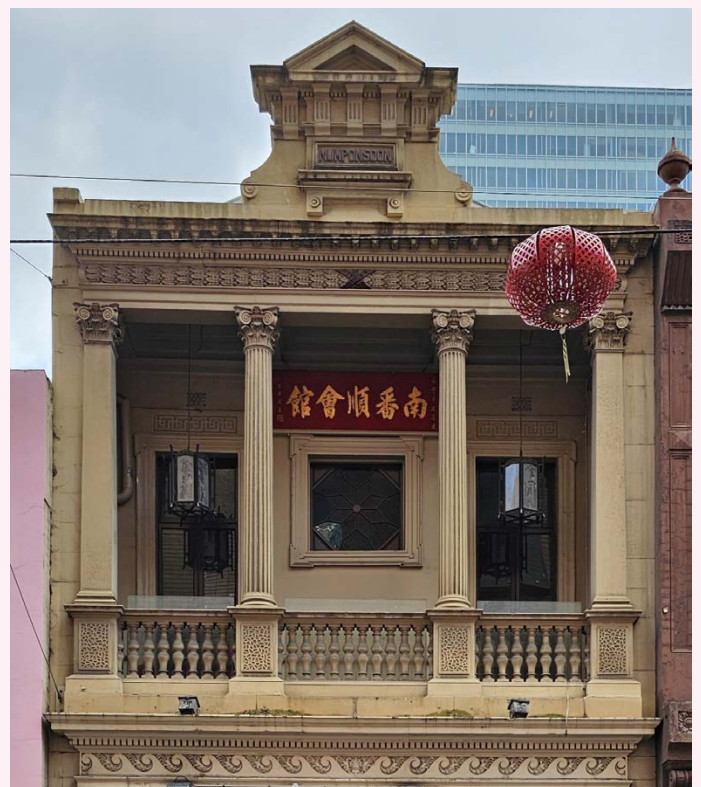
A serpent or snake



13

200-202 Little Bourke Street - Num Pon Soon Society Building

From the street you may be able to see panels with Chinese characters; suspended timber-framed etched glass lanterns at the first floor loggia; and a flower-pattern central glass window on the upper floor.



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210 Lonsdale Street - Queen Victoria Women's Centre

At the time good ventilation (fresh air) was a health treatment, so operable windows and deep verandahs capable of accommodating beds appeared in hospital design.



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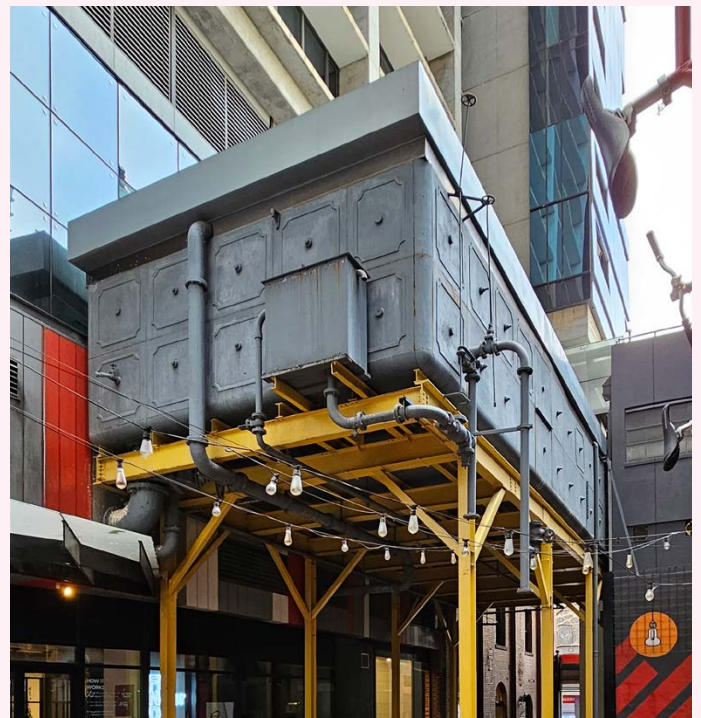


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208 Spencer Street - The Overhead Water Tank at the Former Spencer Street Power Station

5 x 14. You'll be able to see that the tank is 5 panels wide but to calculate that it is 14 panels long you'll need to trust that the prefabricated panels are consistently sized. (They are!)



B**472-478 Bourke Street - Equity Chambers, now Hilton Hotel**

Through the central glass entry doors you'll find the original bronze, glazed tenancy board, incorporating the inscription 'Equity Trustees Coy. This Company was Established in 1888'.

**C****464-466 Collins Street - Collins House**

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477 Collins Street - The Olderfleet Clock

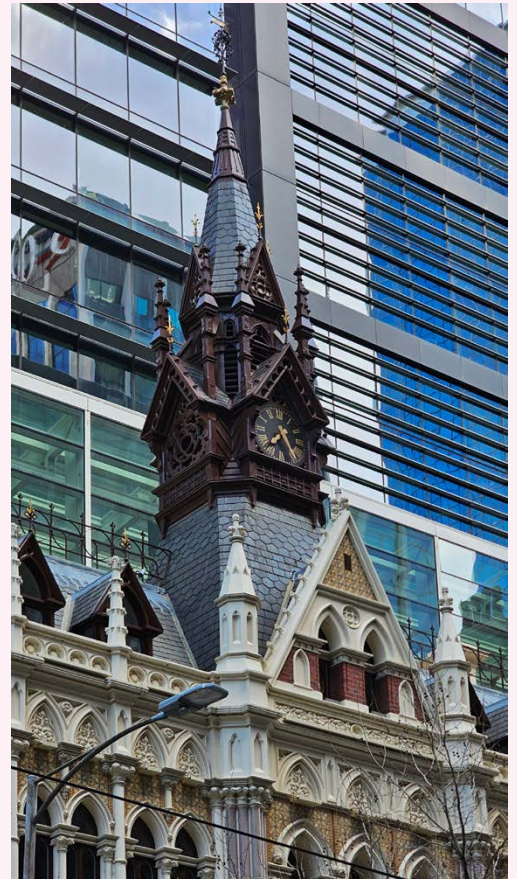
Read the following excerpt from Lovell Chen's 2014 Conservation Management Plan for 477 Collins Street Melbourne...

In a somewhat farcical fashion, the 'clock' wrote to the Age soon after its disappearance congratulating itself on 'escaping the possible fate of ending up on a developer's living room wall' and advised it 'would not be returning' to the Olderfleet.¹

The clock remained hidden during uncertainty surrounding the redevelopment of the site. Following negotiations with the Historic Buildings Council, and after a public appeal by the site's developer, Becton, the clock was reportedly 'satisfied' with the restoration works and returned by its 'self-styled guardian' in January 1985.² As the 'clock' recalled:

Four years ago ... I escaped from the horror of the Olderfleet/Rialto penitentiary. Since that fateful day in 1981, I have lived out of a worn suitcase ... My life on the run made me suspicious of every stranger, every knock on the door, and every idle construction worker.

Good people of Melbourne, it is now obvious that certain developers can work in conjunction with the HBC and provide for both their own and the council's interest. Nowhere is such a harmonious building more obvious than the Olderfleet complex in Collins Street.³



¹ Age, 3 February 1981, p. 2.

² Sun, 17 November 1984, in National Trust of Australia (Victoria), Building File B0469 (3).

³ 'My life on the run', letter from 'Olderfleet Clock', January 1985, provided by Urbis.



E

400 Flinders Street - Immigration Museum, Former Customs House

This site fronted the furthest navigable point of the Yarra River. (CLICK HERE to view Surveyor Robert Hoddle's 1837 plan of Melbourne on the Museums Victoria website.)

The Customs Department was responsible for ensuring that duties were paid on all goods brought into Melbourne, and from this location government officers could easily get on board to inspect cargo.



Image credit: City of Melbourne website

F

425 Collins Street - former AMP Building

There are emblems for each of the Australian states.

**G**

1 Queen Street - Former Fletcher Jones store

The Plus 8 trouser was a very popular Fletcher Jones style. These were cut with an additional 8 inches of cloth into the drape.

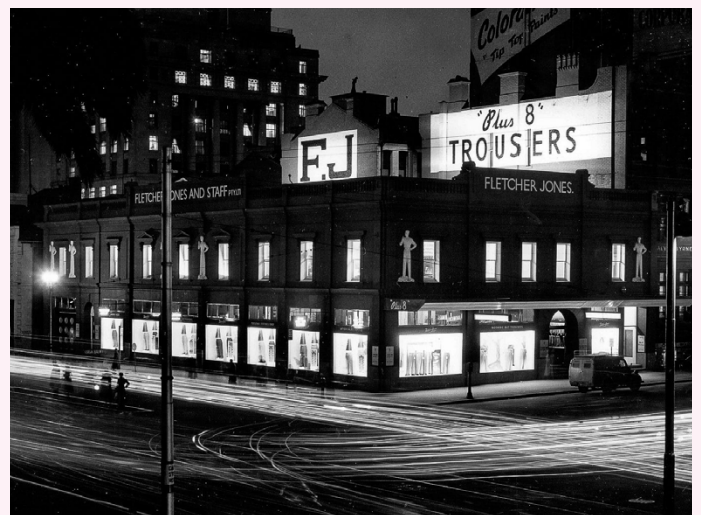


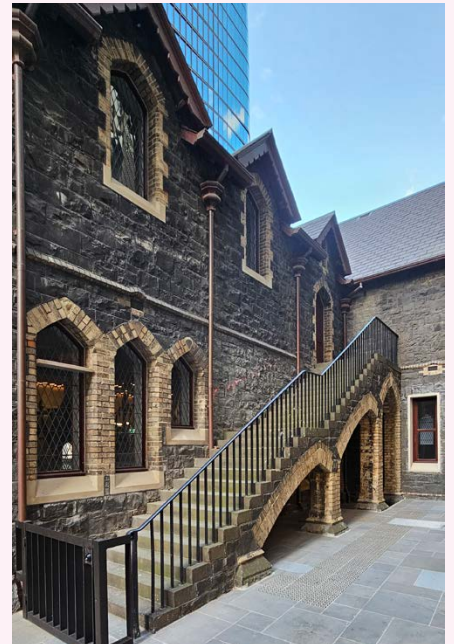
Image credit: Fletcher Jones



124-144 Lonsdale Street - Wesley Place

The School House originally featured segregated classrooms for boys and girls accessed by separate entries. A similar intention may also be reflected in the two separate external bluestone stairs leading to the first floor.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more info.



163 Spring Street - Princess Theatre

An apostrophe

Image credit: Jenny Bolis



46-74 Flinders Street and 2-8 Exhibition Street - Former Herald & Weekly Times Building, now Herald Living apartments

These are radio masts. The radio antenna was a vertical wire suspended from a cable between them.

