



Old and new- Council Offices, Portland

Portland...Historic Buildings Walk

Over 200 buildings from the 1800's remain in the Portland CBD. This 2hour walk commences at the Customs House in Cliff Street, where carparking is available.

- 1.** Cliff St, the Customs House (1849) was until recently the oldest Australian Commonwealth building still being used for its original purpose. It is now privately owned and leased back to Customs.
- 2.** Cnr. Bentinck & Cliff Sts, the Old Post Office (1883) now executive & luxury holiday apartments.
- 3.** Cnr. Bentinck & Gawler Sts, Mac's Hotel (1856) with wrought iron 3rd storey balcony (1909).
- 4.** 33 Bentinck St, built as the Steam Packet Inn (1841) then used as a Police Barracks (1860-62) and afterwards as a private residence and boarding house. Currently undergoing renovations.
- 5.** 61-63 Bentinck St, the Gordon Hotel, trading under the oldest continuous licence in Victoria.
- 6.** Cnr. Bentinck & Julia Sts, built as the London Inn (1844) with original windows, and the Assembly Rooms (1862).
- 7.** 3 Julia St, Henty brother's woolstore (1840s) then became the exclusive Portland Club (est. 1877) for a short period. The billiard table mountings are still in position.
- 8.** 7 Julia St, old bluestone store (1854) in front of a (late 1840's) brick store, now the Canton Palace restaurant.
- 9.** 21 Julia St, built as the Union Inn (1849) now the Portland Bay Press.
- 10.** 41-43 Julia St, built as the Britannia Inn (1847), since converted into two shops and accommodation.
- 11.** Cnr. Percy & Julia Sts, St. Stephen's Church (1856).
- 12.** 65 Julia St, Claremont (1855) once owned by Francis Henty.
- 13.** 81 Julia St, bluestone house (1854) built for Samuel Hawkins.
- 14.** Cnr. Julia & Palmer Sts, National School (1856) Portland's first State owned school. The residence is being used as a seed bank and the classroom is to become an education museum.
- 15.** 72 Julia St, single storey stone cottage (pre 1856) built by John Jones.
- 16.** 70 Julia St, double storey home (1855) built for Dr Grier, ship's surgeon, who arrived on the 'John Davies' in 1852.
- 17.** 60 Julia St, 'Annesley', white double storey home (1878) built for Dr Brewer. Currently being restored.
- 18.** Cnr. Julia & Percy Sts, the Union Bank (1856) then the ANZ Bank, now privately owned.
- 19.** Lower end of Julia Street, the Henty Brother's woolstore (1852), (first galvanised iron roof in Portland), now being used by Parks Victoria.
- 20.** Lower end of Julia St, the Bond Store (1852).
- 21.** Bentinck St, bluestone painted sidewall (1840s) of the Richmond Henty, original site of 'Richmond House', home of Stephen Henty.

- 22.** 3 Henty St, brick store (1879) now tastefully converted to professional rooms.
- 23.** Cnr. Bentinck & Henty Sts- All Saints Catholic Church (1857) the spire was added in 1887. The Blessed Mary MacKillop worshipped here.
- 24.** Bentinck St- Bayview College (1851) built over 'Sea View' by Rev. John Browning.
- 25.** 7 Tyers St- the restored Victoria House (1853-6).
- 26.** 9 Tyers St- a workers cottage (1850s).
- 27.** 19 Tyers St- Presbyterian Church nave (1850) built by Joshua Black, a Scottish mason.
- 28.** Cnr. Tyers & Percy Sts- the Lamb Inn (1850) now the Royal Hotel.
- 29.** Cnr. Percy & Henty Sts- 'Compton House' double storey bluestone building (1876) built as a drapery.
- 30.** 35 Henty St- Warrane (1860) a two storey stone house with wooden louvers, built for the District Surveyor, Lindsay Clarke.
- 31.** Percy St- Spanish Cork Oak Tree (c1875) outside the Wesley Uniting Church.
- 32.** 41 Percy St- Parish Hall (1843) opened as a school in June, C & R Hedditch were the first teachers, now used by Anglicare.
- 33.** 36 Percy St- built as the Masonic Lodge (1876) now the Baptist Church.
- 34.** 30 Percy St- built as the Old State Bank (1880) the façade has since been modernised.
- 35.** 35 Percy St- bluestone building (1860) originally built as an auction room, then occupied by a State School and later by the Salvation Army headquarters before being purchased by the Portland Club (1919).
- 36.** 33 Percy St- Sandilands (1850s) now a restaurant.
- 37.** 23 Percy St- known as Benjamins (1854) double storey building.
- 38.** 14 Gawler St- double storey stone building (1860) erected as a shop and residence for Thomas Huxley, butcher. Now backpackers accommodation.
- 39.** 4 Percy St- the Portland Inn (1840) the oldest recorded building in Victoria still on its original site.
- 40.** 16 Glenelg St- weatherboard cottage (c1854). Now restored.
- 41.** 8 Glenelg St- two small wooden cottages (1840's and 1850's).
- 42.** Near the Cnr. Glenelg and Bentinck Sts- a weatherboard building, built as the Western Artillery Drill Hall (1888), next to the Civic Hall.
- 43.** Botanical Gardens Curator's Cottage (1858) restored and furnished in period style by the Historical Society in the style of a 19th century workman's cottage.
- 44.** 1 Bligh St- stone cottage (1872) built for the Governor of the goal, now a private residence.
- 45.** Cliff St- the Court House (1845) still in operation today.
- 46.** Cliff St- the Town Hall (1863) now an historical museum and genealogical research centre.
- 47.** Cliff St- the Rocket Shed (1886) a tiny bluestone building, used to house marine rescue equipment.
- 48.** Cliff St- the Watch House (1850) later used as a Police residence & Visitor Information Centre.



Victoria House

