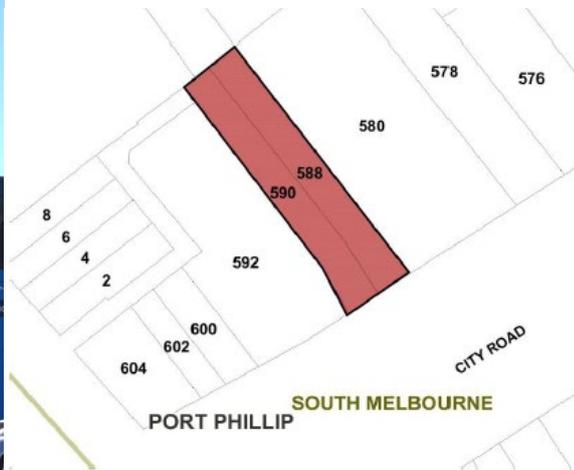


## Statement of Significance: Shops and residences

<b>Address:</b>	588-590 City Road, South Melbourne	<b>Name:</b>	Shops and residences
<b>Place type:</b>	Commercial and residential: shops and residences	<b>Grading:</b>	Significant
<b>PS map ref (Heritage Overlay):</b>	HO509	<b>Constructed:</b>	1879



### What is significant?

The pair of double storey Victorian era shops with residences, constructed in 1879 for Robert Henderson, at 588-590 City Road, South Melbourne is significant.

Non-original alterations and additions are not significant.

### How is it significant?

The pair of shops with residences at 588-590 City Road, South Melbourne is of local historic and representative significance to the City of Port Phillip.

### Why is it significant?

It is significant as an early (pre-1880) and relatively rare remaining example of a commercial building in this once thriving commercial locale close to the border of South Melbourne and Port Melbourne. (Criterion A)

It is significant as a relatively rare example of an unpainted bluestone commercial building. The upper façade is representative of a relatively simple commercial façade of the pre-1880 period, pre-dating the more elaborate shopfronts of the boom period of the 1880s. Detailing includes the face bluestone finish, the parapet with dentil cornice below a moulded string course, the arched pediments inscribed with the date of construction (1879) and flanked by scrolls, the rendered pilasters at the outer edges of the building, the paired rectangular window openings (sills and lintels and quoining have been painted), and rendered chimneys. Also important are the original windows, which survive in 588 City Road, and the bluestone plinth and threshold at 590 City Road. (Criterion D)

**Primary source**

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