

## Victorian Heritage Database Report

# CHINESE TEMPLE

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**Location:**

76 RAGLAN STREET SOUTH MELBOURNE, PORT PHILLIP CITY

**Heritage Status / Level of Significance:**

Registered

**Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number: H0219**

**Listing Authority: VHR**

**Heritage Overlay Number: HO236**

**Statement of Significance:**

The See Yup Society Temple at Raglan Street, South Melbourne was erected in 1866 for the See Yup Society, as the principal centre of worship and death registry for the Cantonese in Victoria. See Yup means four towns of Canton. The temple, flanking pavilions and enclosed axially arranged forecourt were designed by architect George Wharton, tenders being called in April 1866. The buildings and associated fences are in the style of the

classical revival enhanced by contrasting oriental detail and statuary.

The See Yup Society Temple, South Melbourne, was the most important centre of Chinese worship in Victoria in the nineteenth century and integral with the turbulent history of the Chinese people in Victoria in that era. The building group, unique in Victoria as an historical document and architecturally important as an outstanding work by architect George Wharton, is notable for the apparent axial and spatial qualities and the successful fusion of classical with traditional Chinoiserie details and statuary. The See Yup Temple has been partially restored by the See Yup Society in conjunction with the National Trust but is still in need of extensive rehabilitation work.

[Source: Register of the National Estate]

Heritage Study / Consultant	
Construction Date Range	1866 -
Architect / Designer	Pearson, George, Annear, Harold Desbrowe, George Wharton
Municipality	PORT PHILLIP CITY
Other names	
Hermes number	1063
Property number	

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