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**Name:** Princes Square  
**Status:** Permanently Registered  
**Tier:** State

**THR ID Number:** 4499  
**Municipality:** Launceston City  
Council  
**Boundary:** Whole of Title

Location Addresses

Title References

Property Id



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**Statement of Significance:** (non-statutory summary)

No Statement is provided for places listed prior to 2007

***Why is it significant?:***

The Heritage Council may enter a place in the Heritage Register if it meets one or more of the following criteria from the Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995:

- a) **The place is important to the course or pattern of Tasmania's history.**
- b) **The place possesses uncommon or rare aspects of Tasmania's history.**
- c) **The place has the potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Tasmania's history.**
- d) **The place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of place in Tasmania's history.**

Princes Park is of historic heritage significance because of its ability to demonstrate the principal characteristics of a Victorian urban park with built features .

- e) **The place is important in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement.**

- f) **The place has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons.**
- This site is of historic heritage significance because its townscape and social associations are regarded as important to the community's sense of place.
- g) **The place has a special association with the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance in Tasmania's history.**
- h) **The place is important in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics.**

**Heritage approval is required for work that will result in changes to the nature or appearance of the fabric of a Heritage place, both internal and external.**

**Please refer to the Heritage Council's Works Guidelines ([www.heritage.tas.gov.au](http://www.heritage.tas.gov.au)) for information about the level of approval required and appropriate outcomes.**

**Heritage Advisors are also available to answer questions and provide guidance on [enquiries@heritage.tas.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@heritage.tas.gov.au) or Tel 1300850332**

**This data sheet is intended to provide sufficient information and justification for listing the place on the Heritage Register. Under the legislation, only one of the criteria needs to be met. The data sheet is not intended to be a comprehensive inventory of the heritage values of the place, there may be other heritage values of interest to the Heritage Council not currently acknowledged.**

**Setting:**

This site is a significant element in the urban townscape. Around the outside of the square, facing it, are four separate but unified streetscapes, which include many important THR buildings (mainly churches), the others being typical Victorian buildings which are collectively in scale and complementary to the square .

**Description:**

This is a fine city square including a central fountain (commemorating the laying on of water in Launceston), a drinking fountain (one of ten donated to the city by Robert de Little, 1860s), iron gates and railings erected in 1890s, and three commemorative oak trees.

**History:**

Originally the site of a brickfield owned by Church of England and converted in 1850s to successful design of Thomas Wade. The park contains a fine fountain, drinking fountain, iron gates, railing and commemorative oak trees (one planted by HRH the Duke of Edinburgh in 1868). It has been the setting for many social and political events in history of the city, eg first election for Legislative Council in 1851. Together with surrounding buildings is of essential townscape value. Oak Trees planted by Duke of Edinburgh in 1868, William Hart (Mayor) in 1863 and Miss Sadler (Diamond Jubilee) in 1897.