
SOUTH MELBOURNE RAILWAY STATION COMPLEX



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Location

221 FERRARS STREET SOUTH MELBOURNE, PORT PHILLIP CITY

Municipality

PORT PHILLIP CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1593

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO120

VHR Registration

August 20, 1982

Amendment to Registration

May 23, 1998

Heritage Listing

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 25, 1999

The present tuck-pointed brick station buildings decorated with polychrome bands, constructed in 1883 by the firm Furneaux, Besley and Angel to replace an earlier 1858 wooden structure, forms part of a unique station complex which is important as one of the largest and most lavish of its type. Significant elements include both station buildings, ramps, cast-iron railings, and an 1863 cast-iron footbridge at Coventry street, as well as three 19th century bluestone bridges. The Dorcas Street bridge was designed by William Elsdon, engineer and dates from the opening of the line in May 1857. The two bluestone bridges at bank and park streets, envisaged in 1857 railway plans, are undated but were constructed prior to 1865.

The station complex is an example of the principles of the Italianate style applied to railway buildings. It includes such devices as large arches, bracketed eaves, cornices, and pediments and Corinthian capitals to the verandah columns. Of particular note is the severe design of the platform gates. The building has suffered from unsympathetic alterations. Much of the original fenestration and openings detailing was compromised by brutal alterations in the late 1970s which were more recently ameliorated.

[Source: Report to the Minister.]

Permit Exemptions

General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

Places of worship: In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must **notify** the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

Subdivision/consolidation: Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

Construction dates 1883,

Heritage Act Categories Registered place,

Hermes Number 1044

Property Number

History

Associated People:

Extent of Registration

Amendment of Register of Government Buildings

South Melbourne City

Railway Station Complex including bluestone road bridge, Ferrars Street, South Melbourne.

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G39 12 October 1988 p.3094]

Transferred to the Victorian Heritage Register 23 May 1998 (2 years after the proclamation of the Heritage Act 1995 pursuant to the transitional provisions of the Act)

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>