

Former Royal Australian Army Medical Corps Training Depot



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1 former royal australian army medical corps training depot a'beckett street melb front entrance 1990

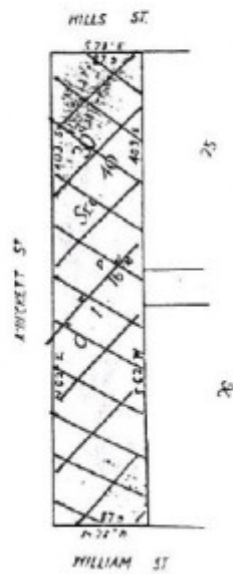


former royal australian army medical corps training depot a'beckett street melb facade detail



former royal australian army medical corps training depot a'beckett street melb front view 1990

EXTENT OF DESIGNATION
(SUMMARY)



H0717 H0717 plan

Location

249 A'BECKETT STREET MELBOURNE, MELBOURNE CITY

Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

Level of significance

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Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0717

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO528

Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - December 20, 1999

What is significant?

The Former Royal Australian Army Medical Corps Training Depot was constructed in 1938 to a design by George H Hallandal of the Commonwealth Department of Works. The main body of the building is a low red and cream brick structure extending along A'Beckett Street. The William Street corner is marked by a classically-influenced three storey element of red brick with rendered pilasters extending two floors to a gorge cornice.

How is it significant?

The Former Royal Australian Army Medical Corps Training Depot is of historical and architectural significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The Former Royal Australian Army Medical Corps Training Depot is of architectural significance as an excellent example of an inter-war period military building. The Depot combines several stylistic influences, with colonial revival, art deco, classical and Moderne elements. The Art Deco and Moderne in particular the modelled brickwork touches gave it a contemporary feel, while the classical elements of the William Street corner conveyed a sense of conservative solidity appropriate for a major public building, especially one associated with the defence forces. While the building is no longer owned by the Army, its original use can still be clearly detected in the long, low form of the building, which contained two drill halls, classrooms and offices.

The Former Royal Australian Army Medical Corps Training Depot is of historical significance as evidence of the build up of military preparedness in Australia in the years immediately preceding WW2. Together with another similar installation in Victoria Street Melbourne, the construction of this new drill hall reflected an expansion in military expenditure as the international situation grew tense. The Depot's location in the CBD provides an interesting reminder of the important role played by the central city in all aspects of social, economic and political life until the second half of the 20th century.

Construction dates	1938,
Architect/Designer	Hallandal, George H.,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	125248
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Date Started 1938; Date Finished ; Storeys 3; Desc INDIVIDUAL BUILDING OR GROUP; Walls BRICK; Roof TERRACOTTA TILES

Usage/Former Usage

1938 ; military ;

Physical Conditions

State of the Historic Environment survey report - Good condition. See Events.

Veterans Description for Public

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Extent of Registration

All the buildings and land shown hatched which is included in Certificate of Title Vol. 5809 Folio 7960, hatched land in plan held by the Director, HBC.

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