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Location

Hall Street and Hope Street SPOTSWOOD, Hobsons Bay City

Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO134

Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The Spotswood Railway Station complex comprising the up and down station buildings, platforms, signal box and station yard (with an emphasis on surviving fabric from the Edwardian and inter-war eras), designed by the Victorian Railways and constructed by FE Shillabeer in 1912, at Hall and Hope Streets, Spotswood.

How is it Significant?

The Spotswood Railway Station complex is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, it is significant as an illustration of the improvements that were made to the suburban railway system in the Edwardian era both as a consequence of an overall upgrading of the system, as well as the industrial and residential development of Spotswood at that time. It contributes to the knowledge of how the railway system functioned when it was rebuilt early this century (AHC criterion A4 and D2)

Aesthetically, it is significant as an intact example of a well-preserved architect designed Edwardian-Baroque style station building, which is an important contributory element within the Melbourne-Williamstown railway precinct. (AHC criterion E1)

Socially, it is significant as a building that has played an important role in the development of the Spotswood community as a well used public building over an extended period and thus a familiar landmark to many in the community. (AHC criterion G1)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Hobsons Bay - Hobsons Bay Heritage Study, Hobsons Bay City Council, 2006;
Construction dates	1912,
Architect/Designer	Victorian Railways,
Hermes Number	15067
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Twin red brick and stucco Edwardian-era station buildings face each other across the tracks, fronting onto asphalt paved platforms. The Edwardian Baroque ox-bow motif has been used as the main parapet form, set between parapet piers, and the cantilevering canopies, supported on open web portal frames, have scalloped ripple iron valences at each end. The same motif is used very successfully in the fenestration grouping and parapet at the street elevations of each building, a treatment reminiscent of the Yarraville State Savings Bank. The ramps and iron balustrading appear early.

Integrity

External Condition

good (partially disturbed, well preserved)

External Integrity

substantially intact/some intrusions

Physical Description 2

Context

Related to the nearby signal box, some early housing development along Hope Street and the old Spotswood Hotel. The historical context of this complex has been reduced with the demolition of some of the early industrial;

complexes nearby.

Historical Australian Themes

Transporting people

Physical Description 3

Associations

Victorian Railways

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