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Location

Hall Street and Melbourne Road NEWPORT, Hobsons Bay City

Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO136

Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The Newport Railway Station complex comprising the station buildings, platforms and associated Pepper and Lilly Pilly trees and land, at Hall Street and Melbourne Road, Newport.

How is it Significant?

The Newport Railway Station complex and trees are of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobson's 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 and contributes to the historic inter-war character of the Newport Civic & Commercial precinct. The mature trees provide an appropriate and related landscape setting. (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;
Architect/Designer	Victorian Railways,
Hermes Number	15069
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

As with Spotswood, twin red brick and stucco Edwardian-era station buildings face each other across the tracks, fronting onto asphalt paved platforms. However the Edwardian Baroque ox-bow motif seen at Spotswood is disbanded here in favour of expressed gabled Marseilles pattern terra-cotta clad roofs. This provides a domestic character to the complex. The cantilevering canopies are supported on pierced web portal frames but do not have the scalloped pattern to the valences at each end. Some modifications have occurred such as the enclosing under one of the verandahs.

There is a row of pepper trees on the west side, and a lilly pilli row on the east (10) with both rows relating to the station building.

Integrity

External Condition:

Good

External Integrity:

High

Historical Australian Themes

Making Suburbs

Physical Description 2

Associations

Victorian Railways, FE Shillabeer

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