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# NEWMARKET SHEEP & CATTLE YARD PLATFORMS



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## Location

ASCOT VALE ROAD, FLEMINGTON, MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO426

## Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The remains of the Newmarket Sheep and Cattle Yards, comprising the bluestone platform walls on the south side of the railway reserve extending for a couple of hundred metres east from Ascot Vale Road, and returning for about 50 metres south along Ascot Vale Road, is significant. The platform walls are constructed of worked/tooled bluestone with bluestone coping and there is a length of rails set in concrete along the edge of the platform in the section close to Ascot Vale Road. The condition of the wall is fair and there is some damage, where stones are missing or have fallen away. It appears as though the section of wall along Ascot Vale Road has been reconstructed.

### How is it significant?

The remains of the Newmarket Sheep and Cattle Yards are of local historic and archaeological significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

### Why is it significant?

It is historically significant as the only remaining evidence of the cattle yards, which were the main point of entry and exit for animals being transported to and from Newmarket Saleyards and the significance of the platforms walls is enhanced as the only surviving fabric associated with the yards. The length of the remnant platforms gives some impression of the size of the yards where hundreds of thousands of sheep and cattle were loaded and unloaded each year, and the site has potential to yield further information about how the place was used. (Criteria A & C)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moonee Valley - Moonee Valley Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2015, 2015;
Construction dates	1871, 1882,
Other Names	Flemington Racecourse railway,
Hermes Number	197582
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

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