
ELECTRICITY SUBSTATION

Location

ELM GROVE, BRUNSWICK EAST, MORELAND CITY

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 1, 1900

What is Significant?

The Electrical Substation, located in Elm Grove, Brunswick, is significant.

How is it Significant?

The Electrical Substation , located in Elm Grove, Brunswick is of historic significance.

Why is it Significant?

The substation is of historic significance for its associations with the development of Brunswick's electricity supply and in particular the expansion of the network to cater for increased demand due to the growth in manufacturing and other forms of industry in Brunswick during the interwar period. (Criterion A)

This substation is representative of the substations erected by the Brunswick Electricity Supply during the interwar period and shares characteristic details such as the louvred roof vent, as well as decorative brickwork. It is notable as perhaps the first example of the larger, double height substations required to meet increasing electricity demand, which were designed with sheer, parapeted walls that enabled them to be built on small sites hard against surrounding buildings. (Criterion D)

Construction dates 1934,
Architect/Designer Peck & Kemter,
Other Names electrical substation,
Hermes Number 201977
Property Number

Physical Description 1

The electricity substation at the south end of Elm Grove appears to be situated partly (or fully) within the road reserve and hard against a brick factory immediately to the south. It is a double height building with parapeted walls that partially conceal the hipped iron roof (painted red), which is surmounted by a square ventilation tower with painted timber louvers and a hipped roof. The plain brick walls have a slightly projecting base and are relieved on the main elevation by clinker brick in decorative corbelling along the parapet and diaper patterns on either side of the ground floor entry. The projecting single storey section with a roller door to the right of the entry doors appears to be a later addition (or may form part of the adjoining factory).

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.

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