

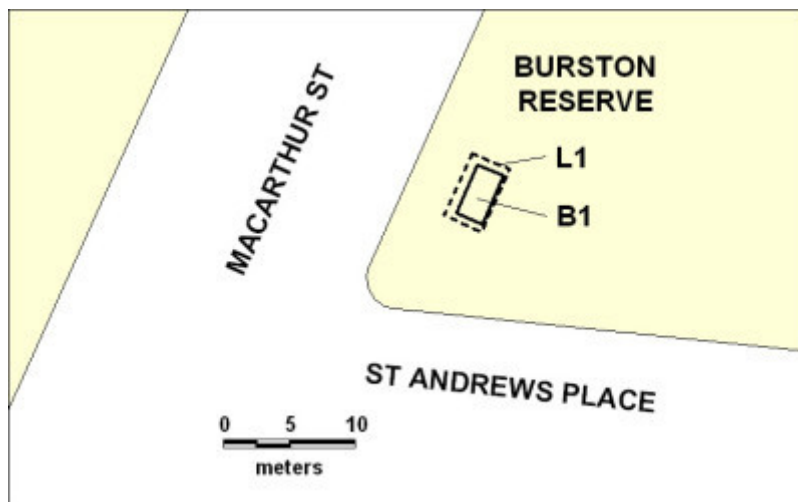
## TRAM SHELTER



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tram shelter cnr macarthur st & st andrews pl east melbourne plan

### Location

MACARTHUR STREET AND ST ANDREWS PLACE EAST MELBOURNE, MELBOURNE CITY

### Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

### Level of significance

Registered

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1870

## **Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO888

## **VHR Registration**

March 9, 2000

## **Heritage Listing**

Victorian Heritage Register

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## **Statement of Significance**

Last updated on - February 23, 2000

In the early years of the twentieth century the cable tram network of inner Melbourne, which had been built in the 1880s, was augmented by an electric tram network built by municipal tramways trusts in the various expanding suburbs. The tram shelter at Macarthur Street East Melbourne is one of five remaining from from of a distinct group of nine picturesque closed timber shelters built between 1912 and 1927 in a style based on Edwardian domestic fashion.

The Macarthur Street East Melbourne and St Kilda Road/Dorcas Street South Melbourne tram shelters were built by the Tramways Board (1916-19) who operated the cable trams. It was designed in 1916 by Frank Stapley, an architect who was also a Melbourne City Mayor and Councillor and an influential advocate for the town planning movement in Victoria. Both were built in 1917. Both were related in basic form to the earlier closed shelter of 1915 at St Kilda Road/Commercial Road. The Macarthur Street and Dorcas Street shelters were also precedents for the St Kilda Road/High Street and Lorne Street shelters of 1927.

Half of the front wall of the shelter facing the tram stop is open, while unlike other shelters of the type, the back wall is entirely clad in horizontal ship-lap boarding. Below the windows the shelter is similarly clad and internally the walls are of horizontal V jointed lining boards. Similar boards cover the ceiling. The benches are of timber frames and slats. The upper halves of timber framed windows are in multi paned patterned translucent glass with a segmental arch head. Vertical boarding between the frame continues above window head height. The gable section of wall is clad in vertical slats spaced to give ventilation. The gable roof is clad in terracotta shingles with a crested terracotta ridge terminated by scrolled terracotta finials. The rafters are exposed under the projecting eaves with a spaced board lining above. The gables project a similar distance to the eaves and are supported on timber brackets with vertical infill. The upper section is filled with a horizontal board at ceiling height to match the barge and an infill of vertical spaced boards. There is a scrolled carving on the projecting ridge beam and on the end of the barge an upturn that hides the end of the gutter and a point on the lower side. This shelter differs from the four other shelters of the type in the shape of the roof, which has projecting eaves on the front side only. This shelter is also unique in retaining its timber Tramways Board monogram on the projecting gables, as well as set in travertine mosaic tile in the concrete floor.

The tram shelter at Macarthur Street East Melbourne is of historical and architectural significance to the State of Victoria.

The tram shelter at Macarthur Street East Melbourne is of historical significance for its association with the cable tramway network, which played an important part in the history of transport in Melbourne. In particular the incorporation of the Tramways Board monogram on the gable and in travertine mosaic tiles laid in the concrete floor indicates its association with the short era of that Board's administration of the network between 1916 and 1919.

The tram shelter at Macarthur Street East Melbourne is of architectural significance as one of only five remaining

tram shelters from the city cable tram network which were designed as picturesque pavilions in the domestic Edwardian style of the period. The tram shelter is also of architectural significance as an important example of early twentieth century street architecture. It is situated in the most intact streetscape of any of the five cable tram related shelters of this type. The Tramway Board monograms incorporated into the gables and floor are features unique to this shelter.

## Permit Exemptions

### General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

**Places of worship:** In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must [notify](#) the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

**Subdivision/consolidation:** Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

### Specific Exemptions:

- \* Maintenance and repairs that replace like with like
- \* Repainting in original colours

Construction dates	1916,
Architect/Designer	Stapley, Frank,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	2089
Property Number	

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## Extent of Registration

### NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

As Executive Director for the purpose of the Heritage Act, I give notice under section 46 that the Victorian Heritage Register is amended by including the Heritage Register Number 1870 in the category described as a

Heritage place:

Tram Shelter, Corner MacArthur Street and St Andrews Place, East Melbourne, Melbourne City Council.

EXTENT:

1. All the building being the tram shelter marked B1 on plan 1870 held by the Executive Director.
2. All the land to the extent of the eaves overhang marked L1 on Plan 1870 held by the Executive Director.

Dated: 3 March 2000.

RAY TONKIN  
Executive Director

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*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.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*