
GARFIELD PICTURE THEATRE



Garfield Picture Theatre

Location

51 Nar Nar Goon Longwarry Road GARFIELD, Cardinia Shire

Municipality

CARDINIA SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO87

Heritage Listing

Cardinia Shire

Statement of Significance

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Garfield Picture Theatre, built between 1924 and 1925 for a Mr. Donohue, is significant to Cardinia Shire as an unusually substantial country cinema dating from the Australia-wide boom in cinema building in that decade. It is significant as one of the few picture theatre buildings remaining in the shire. The Garfield Theatre was of historical significance as the first supplier of electric power to the town. The building has significance as a major element in the Garfield commercial streetscape which dates predominantly from the 1920s era. It is significant, too, for its near original exterior with the old name on the facade, although now used as an antique shop.

Regional Significance

Heritage Study/Consultant	Cardinia - Cardinia Shire Heritage Study 1996, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1996;
Construction dates	1925,
Other Names	51 Nar Nar Goon Longwarry Road, Garfield,
Hermes Number	30018
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

This is a large well-preserved and gabled red brick theatre, with a spartan but close to original interior. The words 'Garfield Picture Theatre' are in large raised cement letters on the front of the building. The external form is typically gabled with a pierced and parapeted cement and brick (overpainted) foyer and office wing at the front; this is composed in a tripartite form, with a raised panel at the centre and capped piers at the sides. A deep cantilever street verandah extends from the front, with an ovolo moulded and panelled fascia. The front door and window openings appear to be as original and a red brick chimney is a practical touch to one of the rooms.

Behind is the high gabled of the auditorium with its cemented capping and some cemented mouldings over a vent in the gable-end. The roof is clad with corrugated iron. Inside the roof is unlined with steel-trusses exposed. Some plaster detailing exists around the proscenium and other parts of the interior.

Physical Conditions

The building is externally near original except for the painted brickwork.

Historical Australian Themes

Themes

8.4 Railway townships

7.5 Picture theatres

9.13 Picture theatres, galleries, museums

Physical Description 2

Associations - Donohue, Mr.

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