
Electric Substation

Location

2 Daly Street SOUTH YARRA, Stonnington City

Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO305

Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

Statement of Significance

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The MMTB substation at 2 Daly Street is of regional significance as a fine and representative example of the work of A G Monsborough, possibly the first completed after his appointment as architect to the M&MTB in 1926. It is also of social and historical significance for its associations with the electric trams in Chapel Street, so crucial to the development of this commercial strip in the early twentieth century, and with the other remnant tram-associated building along Chapel Street.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Stonnington - City of Stonnington Heritage Overlay Report (Stages 1-5) 1998, Bryce Raworth P/L, 1998; Stonnington - Conservation Review City of Prahran Volume 4: A2 Buildings, Context Pty Ltd, 1993;
Construction dates	1927,
Architect/Designer	Monsborough, Alan G,
Other Names	2 Daly Street, South Yarra,
Hermes Number	31319

Physical Description 1

2 Daly Street is an M&MTB electric substation and switching station located in a quiet commercial street off Chapel Street. It forms part of a group of structures including the cable tram buildings on the corner. The substation was built from the 1920s[1] to service the new electric tram system as it passed through South Yarra. [2] Positioned on the centre of the block, the substation is surrounded by a gravelled ground surface. A timber fence topped with barbed wire separates the property from the street. A few tall trees line the fence. The substation is a double storey symmetrical red brick building with an attached single storey along the western side. On both the main building and western side the walls are red brick and the steel framed fenestration is symmetrically disposed. On the front facade is a central arch with a relatively modern roller shutter door painted grass green. Near the top corners on the front facade are stylised, somewhat mannered geometric decorations of unpainted face cement. The side elevation on the western side has a number of blind windows described as series of blind arcaded panels on the upper storey. The windows below are regularly arranged but do not have concrete mouldings. A parapet roof conceals the roof material on the main building while a corrugated iron skillion roof covers the western side. The substation is notable for its intactness, and the building appears generally to be in good, original condition.

References

[1] Context Pty Ltd, *City of Prahran Conservation Review, Vol. 4, p 2.*

[2] *Ibid.*

Local Historical Themes

4.5 Tramways 4.5.3 Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board

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