

## ORNAMENTAL TRAMWAY OVERHEAD POLES



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overhead poles dandenong  
road



ornamental tramway  
overhead poles fitzroy street



ornamental tramway  
overhead poles peel street



ornamental tramway  
overhead poles victoria  
parade

### Location

VICTORIA PARADE, PEEL STREET, FITZROY STREET AND DANDENONG ROAD, YARRA CITY,  
MELBOURNE CITY, PORT PHILLIP CITY, STONNINGTON CITY, GLEN EIRA CITY

### Municipality

YARRA CITY

MELBOURNE CITY

PORT PHILLIP CITY

STONNINGTON CITY

GLEN EIRA CITY

### Level of significance

Registered

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1023

## **Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO189

HO125

HO30

HO299

## **VHR Registration**

May 19, 1994

## **Heritage Listing**

Victorian Heritage Register

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## **Statement of Significance**

Last updated on - February 24, 2000

What is significant?

The Ornamental Overhead Tramway Poles incorporates poles in a number of different locations. The Dandenong Road electric tramway with its ornamental centre pole and overhead wire support system was the first major extension of the suburban electric tramways by the Prahran & Malvern Tramways Trust in 1910. The centre poles were supplied by Noyes Bros (Melb) Pty Ltd, as agents for the Mannesmann Tube Co Ltd of Dusseldorf, and the overhead electrical wiring was installed by the British Insulated and Helsby Cable Co Ltd. The Dandenong Road line opened on 16 December, 1911. It was taken over by the Melbourne & Metropolitan Tramways Board in 1920 and is now part of the Public Transport Corporation's tramway network. The tramway poles in Peel Street North Melbourne, Fitzroy Street St. Kilda and Victoria Parade East Melbourne were erected by the Melbourne & Metropolitan Tramways Board between 1925 and 1929, as part of the Board's scheme to electrify the cable tramways and to integrate existing electric tramways by the construction of new electric lines. The poles are expressive of the development of an integrated electric tramway network by the Melbourne & Metropolitan Tramways Board during the 1920s and 1930s and the Board's determination to construct "parked tramways" wherever possible.

How is it significant?

The Ornamental Tramway Overhead Poles are of historic and aesthetic significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The Ornamental Tramway Overhead Poles are historically significant for their association with the formative decades of electric tramway development in Melbourne. The Dandenong Road poles are the earliest tramway centre poles remaining in Melbourne and reflect the aspirations of the Prahran & Malvern Tramways Trust. The Trust was one of the most significant and successful of all the municipal undertakings and its services were partly responsible for the expansion of the residential suburbs south of the River Yarra.

The Ornamental Tramway Overhead Poles are aesthetically significant for their refined early 20th century ornamental design. As street furniture they demonstrate the high standard of infrastructure adopted by the Prahran & Malvern Tramways Trust. The poles on Dandenong Road are enhanced by the flanking avenues of trees and lawns that combine to create one of Melbourne's significant boulevards. The poles are an unusual and integral element of the infrastructure of Melbourne's tramway system, one of the largest electric tramway

networks in the world.

## 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](#).

Construction dates	1910,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	4666
Property Number	

## History

Associated People: Owner PUBLIC TRANSPORT CORPORATION;

## Extent of Registration

### AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 1023.

Ornamental Tramway Overhead Poles, Dandenong Road (Cities of St. Kilda, Prahran, Caulfield and Malvern); Peel Street, North Melbourne (City of Melbourne); Fitzroy Street (City of St. Kilda); Victoria Parade, East Melbourne (City of Melbourne).

(To the extent of:

All the ornamental tramway overhead pole assemblies in Dandenong Road, (Cities of St. Kilda, Prahran, Caulfield and Malvern), numbered 13-89 inclusive, but excluding pole assembly Nos 16, 26, 40, 44, 59, 60 and 61 which have been removed and pole assembly Nos 19, 49, 71A and 72 which are not original.

All the ornamental tramway overhead pole assemblies in Peel Street, North Melbourne (City of Melbourne), numbered 3-15 inclusive, but excluding pole assembly Nos 4 and 5, which have been removed.

All the ornamental tramway overhead pole assemblies in Fitzroy Street (City of St. Kilda) numbered 7-34 inclusive, but excluding pole assembly Nos 20 and 33, which have been removed.

All the ornamental tramway overhead pole assemblies in Victoria Parade, East Melbourne (City of Melbourne) numbered 79-113 inclusive but excluding pole assembly Nos 80 and 81, which have been removed.)

[Victoria Government Gazette No. G20 19 May 1994 pp.1231-1232]

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