
Pascoe Vale Police Station (former)



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Location

562 Bell Street, Pascoe Vale South VIC 3044 - Property No 42654

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO274

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - September 22, 2004

What is significant?

The former Pascoe Vale Police Station, at 562 Bell Street (corner Cumberland Road), Pascoe Vale South.

How is it significant?

The former Pascoe Vale Police Station, at 562 Bell Street (corner Cumberland Road), Pascoe Vale South is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Moreland.

Why is it significant?

(AHC Criterion A.4) Of historic significance, for its ability to aid in the demonstration of the development of Pascoe Vale South, and the increased need to provide such services to the local community. Also of historic significance as a former police station, opened in 1945, representing a particularly early and thus significant marker of the post-war boom of settlement and development in Pascoe Vale South.

(AHC Criterion B.2) The building demonstrates a distinctive way of life that has been superseded in Melbourne's inner suburbs since the 1980s - the small local police station with staff residence attached.

(AHC Criterion D.2) The building demonstrates the principal characteristics of a distinctive building type - the small local police station with attached staff residence.

(AHC Criterion E.1) Of aesthetic significance, as a good example of post-war civic architecture in an area where few such examples exist. Also of aesthetic significance, the building is of interest as a domestically scaled government building displaying an unusual integration of Moderne and Georgian Revival details (eg. octagonal feature windows, rusticated quoining to porch corners). It occupies a prominent corner site and remains as a distinctive element in the streetscape. As a building developed by the office of Public Works architect Percy Everett, it has a high design aesthetic consistent with the quality of detail and motif found across all of Everett's work which itself is held in high regard by the architecture and design community.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Moreland - City of Coburg Heritage Conservation & Streetscape Study, Timothy Hubbard Pty Ltd, 1991; Moreland - Moreland City Council: Local Heritage Places Review, Context Pty Ltd, 2004; |
| Hermes Number | 56719 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

The former Pascoe Vale Police Station is a simple cream brick two storey building with single storey wings, one a small entrance portico facing west onto Turner Street. The building is reminiscent of domestic buildings of the period. It has a glazed clay tiled roof to both the central two storey section and to the wings. 'Hit and miss' bricks create a vent in the main gable. The central section has a single simple cream brick chimney. Windows are paired double hung sashes divided horizontally into two. There is a very low cream brick fence to Bell and Turner Streets.

Physical Conditions

Good

Integrity

Minor Modifications

The building has been altered externally. Comparison between the original architectural drawings and the present building indicates that several windows have been infilled, and that the former garage (fronting Cumberland Road) has also been infilled and extended by the addition of a small skillion roofed projecting bay. The window openings have been infilled with cream brickwork that matches the original building. The garage addition also been designed to match the original building, with cream brick walls, terracotta tiled roof and timber framed windows. There is a wheelchair ramp located on the rear (east) side of the building as well as new steps and entrances.

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