
GATEKEEPER'S CABIN & GATES

Location

ALBERT STREET, BRUNSWICK, MERRI-BEK CITY

Municipality

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Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO180

Heritage Listing

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Statement of Significance

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The Albert Street Gatekeeper's cabin and gates are of state Significance. Substantially intact, the cabins have been in continuous manned operation since their construction. They are one of the few extant surviving cabin and gates, and, in combination with the other remaining cabins and gates on the Upfield line, comprise half of those surviving in Victoria.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moreland - Keeping Brunswick's heritage: A Report on the Review of the Brunswick Conservation Study, Context Pty Ltd, 1990; Moreland - City of Moreland Heritage Review, Allen Lovell and Associates, 1999;
Architect/Designer	Sims, George W,
Hermes Number	58973
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Physical Description 1

The Gatekeeper's Cabin is a small weatherboard building with a corrugated iron gabled roof, situated on the north-east corner of the Albert Street level crossing.

As at the Park Street and Brunswick Road cabins, the building has a skillion-roofed porch on the south elevation, and has a simple unglazed opening.

A lower gable-roofed wing projects from the north elevation. A single doorway is in the west elevation, facing the railway tracks, and the north and south elevations are each penetrated by single timber-framed double-hung sash windows.

A brick chimney penetrates the east gable. The main gable end and facade is plain; comparative examples at Barkly Street, Brunswick Road and Park Street have timber finials, and the Barkly and Park Street cabins also have skillion-roofed verandahs sheltering the doorway.

The signal post, situated to the north of the cabin, is constructed of riveted metal lattice painted white, and was probably installed after 1900.

The Albert Street railway gates are constructed of white-painted timber, with five horizontal members and three vertical ones. The gates have diagonal iron bracing members. Part of the original pedestrian crossing remains, although some of the picket fencing has been replaced with cyclone wire.

Key Architectural Elements: simple timber cabin with gabled corrugated iron roof

Conservation Guidelines: repaint to original colour scheme to match other cabins on Upfield line

Comparative Examples: Gatekeeper's Cabins and Gates, Barkly Street, Brunswick Road and Park Street, Brunswick

Principal Historic Themes: significant phases in the development of towns and suburbs; 19th century speculative building activity

significant phases in the development of towns and suburbs (urban settlement); 19th century speculative subdivision patterns

association with 19th century

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