
RAILWAY GATEKEEPER'S CABIN & GATES

Location

BARKLY 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 Barkly Street Gatekeeper's cabin and gates are of state Significance. 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 - City of Moreland Heritage Review, Allen Lovell and Associates, 1999; Moreland - Keeping Brunswick's heritage: A Report on the Review of the Brunswick Conservation Study, Context Pty Ltd, 1990;
Architect/Designer	Sims, George W,
Hermes Number	58983
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Physical Description 1

The Gatekeeper's Cabin is a small weatherboard structure with a corrugated iron gabled roof. 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. The cabin has a narrow skillion-roofed awning on the south and west elevations, supported by timber brackets, and a brick chimney penetrates the east gable. The main gable end has a timber finial, as at the Brunswick Road and Park Street cabins.

The signal post to the north is a simple steel pipe mast, of the type introduced in the 1960s.(3)

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

(3) Gutteridge Haskins & Davey, Upfield Railway Line, p. 13.

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, Albert 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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