

# SEYMOUR RAILWAY STATION



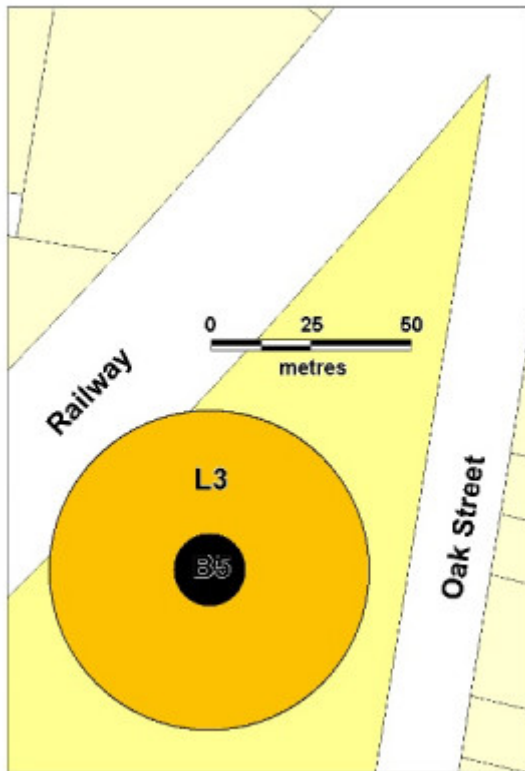
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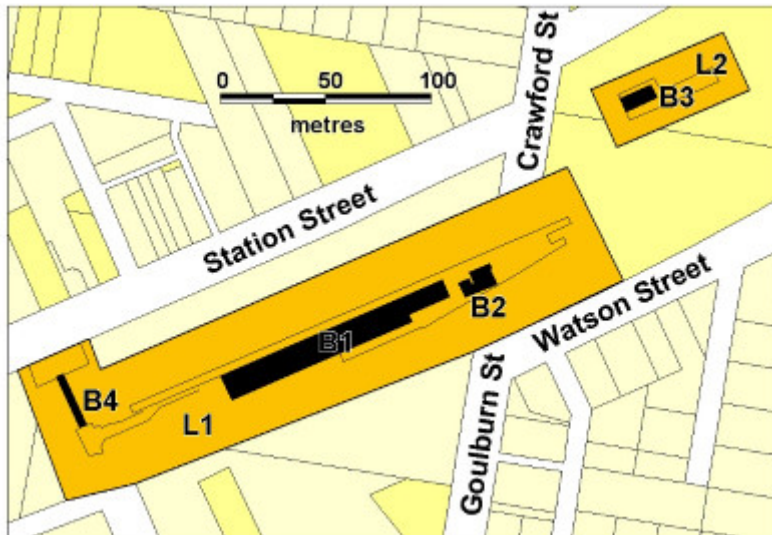
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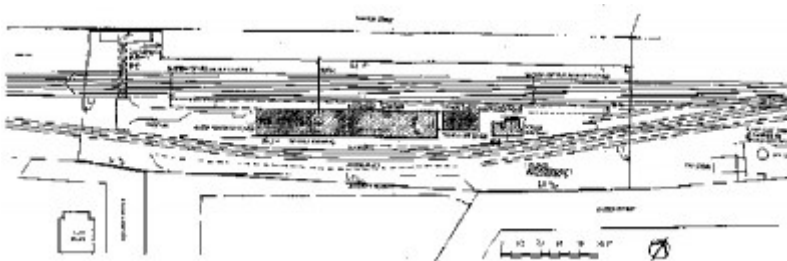
Seymour RWS Railway Building Road Side February 2002



H01591 seymour railway station l3 plan



H01591 seymour railway station l1 l2 plan



Seymour Railway Station Plan

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## Location

STATION STREET SEYMOUR, MITCHELL SHIRE

## Municipality

MITCHELL SHIRE

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1591

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO150

## VHR Registration

August 20, 1982

## **Amendment to Registration**

July 20, 2000

## **Heritage Listing**

Victorian Heritage Register

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## **Statement of Significance**

Last updated on - May 2, 2000

What is significant?

Seymour Railway Station was constructed in 1874 on the Melbourne-Wodonga line. It was built by Drew & Connell for the Victorian Railways, with additions in 1883 by R Taylor. It comprises a large, polychrome brick station building with substantial former refreshment rooms, and former residential quarters at first floor level. The down platform elevation formerly faced the roadside entrance, consisting of a single storeyed central pedimented section, with turreted corner pilasters marked by two storeyed pavilions. While numerous modifications have been made to the station, the key elements of the original design remain intact, including the basement cellar and kitchen. At the down end, there is a standard corrugated iron goods shed, separate brick toilet block, van goods store and crew rooms. There is also an engine turntable situated 500m down side of the station.

How is it significant?

Seymour Railway Station is historically and architecturally significant to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

Seymour Railway Station is architecturally significant as a unique and essentially intact example of the most extravagant railway station complex on the North Eastern railway. It remains one of the most important buildings on the line, and a major contributor to its architectural character.

Seymour Railway Station is historically significant as a rare and intact example of a station building built during the 'light lines' era (c.1869 - c.1884), along one of the 'main trunk' lines.

The station is also historically significant for its associations with the opening of the railway, which made considerable difference to the local farming industry and the prospect of successful farming, as well as improving the link with New South Wales and Seymour generally.

The scale of the station, especially the large refreshments room, kitchen and dining rooms and the turntable recall the station's former prominence as a rail terminal.

## **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](#).

## Specific Exemptions:

### General Conditions

1. All alterations are to be planned and carried out in a manner that prevents damage to the fabric of the registered place or object.
2. Should it become apparent during further inspection or the carrying out of alterations that original or previously hidden or inaccessible details of the place or object are revealed which relate to the significance of the place or object, then the exemption covering such alteration shall cease and the Executive Director shall be notified as soon as possible.
3. If there is a conservation policy and plan approved by the Executive Director, all works shall be in accordance with it.
4. Nothing in this declaration prevents the Executive Director from amending or rescinding all or any of the permit exemptions.
5. Nothing in this declaration exempts owners or their agents from the responsibility to seek relevant planning or building permits from the responsible authority where applicable.

\* All basic refurbishment works including repairs to buildings and structures, where works are documented and administered by a recognised conservation consultant

\* Installation of perimeter fencing

\* Installation of new signalling systems and modifications to existing signalling systems

\* Modification and replacement of tracks to the extent of the rails, sleepers and ballast

\* Installation of new landscaping features but excluding earthworks where more than 1m<sup>3</sup> of ground is to be altered

### Station Buildings

#### Exterior

\* Replacement of decayed fabric with fabric that matches the original design and profile.

\* Installation of new but not removal of existing original significant signage.

\* Installation of temporary protective hoardings, screens and the like for the protection against intrusion of vandals and the like provided that no damage is sustained to significant fabric.

\* Installation of new damp proofing and making good to match existing, adjacent surfaces.

#### Interior

\* Interior painting but not stripping of existing paint scheme

\* Installation of new but not removal of existing original significant carpets/flexible floor coverings

\* Installation of new but not removal of existing original significant fixtures and fittings, including clocks, soft furnishings including curtain tracks, rods, blinds and other window dressings, and the like.

\* Installation of new but not the removal of existing original significant signage

\* Installation of new partitions provided that no damage is sustained to significant fabric

\* Replacement of non-original kitchen and toilet fixtures provided that no damage is sustained to significant fabric

\* Installation of insulation to ceiling spaces

\* Installation of hooks, nails and other devices for the hanging of paintings, mirrors and other wall mounted works

of art.

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| Construction dates      | 1874,                |
| Architect/Designer      | Higinbotham, Thomas, |
| Heritage Act Categories | Registered place,    |
| Hermes Number           | 1020                 |
| Property Number         |                      |

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## History

Seymour Railway Station is historically significant in that it serves as an important reminder to the substantial growth of the town of Seymour. The station is rare and intact example of a station building built during the 'light lines' era, along one of the 'main trunk' lines. The 'light lines' (c.1869 - 1884) followed the earlier 'main trunk' lines of the 1850s and 1860s. A determined effort was made to minimise the cost of railway construction, due to the previous lavish expenditure on railway structures, and a worldwide financial depression in the late 1860s. This resulted in a more restrained station building design approach. (Harrigan, 1962) (Beeston, 1995)

## Extent of Registration

1. All of the buildings known as Seymour Railway Station, including the station building, signal and communications block, assorted levers, platforms and signals (B1), toilet block (B2), goods shed (B3), pedestrian subway (B4) turntable (B5) as marked on plan 602487 held by the Executive Director.
2. All of the land surrounding the station buildings marked L1, L2 and L3 on plan 602487 held by the Executive Director, being part of Crown Land vested in Victorian Rail Track, and being part of land described in Certificate of title Volume 414, Folio 796, and Volume 9994, Folio 708.

*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*