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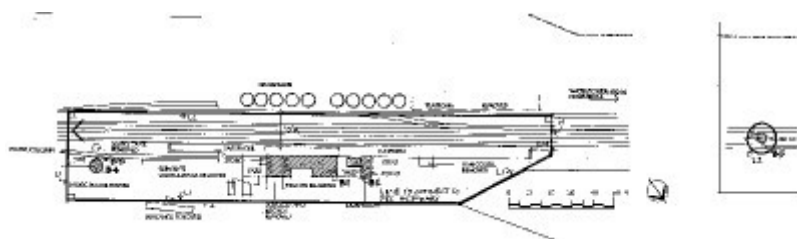
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1 st arnaud railway station
avenue st arnaud trackside
view may1995



st arnaud railway station plan

Location

QUEENS AVENUE ST ARNAUD, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1594

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO5

VHR Registration

August 20, 1982

Amendment to Registration

July 20, 2000

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 2, 2000

What is significant?

St. Arnaud Railway Station was built by J Foot in 1879, on the Ballarat-St. Arnaud line for the Victorian Railways. It consists of a substantial, symmetrical, hip roofed brick station building with cast iron platform verandah. A detached brick lamp room adjoins. The water tower is a standard 'Type B2' design- hemispherical 5,000 gallon tank carried by means of a 'T' iron frame onto a cement rendered brick column. Other structures include a 10,000-gallon water tower and a water column, which remain to the upside of the station. The platform wall is brick with basalt coping.

How is it significant?

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

Why is it significant?

St. Arnaud Railway Station is architecturally significant as an important member of the 'St. Arnaud' style of station buildings, which were developed to cater for the demands of the larger inland towns. Being of classical design, with a standard 'U' shaped plan, they feature a verandah to both elevations. The water tower is also architecturally significant; the use of riveted, curved 1/8" steel plates to form the hemispherical shape of the 5,000-gallon tank is of particular interest.

St. Arnaud Railway Station is historically significant as the most intact example of the largest standard station building designs, erected during the 'light lines' era (c.1869 - c.1884).

The large size of the station recalls the town's former role as a major gold mining centre during the 1880s. The hemispherical water tower is historically significant as the last remaining example of its type and an important reminder of the steam era.

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 1m³ 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.

Construction dates	1879,
Architect/Designer	Elsdon, William,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	1088
Property Number	

History

St. Arnaud Railway Station is historically significant as the most intact example of the largest standard station building designs, erected during the 'light lines' era (c.1869 - c.1884). This followed the earlier and costly period of the 'main trunk lines' (c.1869 - c.1869). 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 approach to station building design. (Harrigan, 1962)

The large size of the station recalls the town's former role as a major gold mining centre during the 1880s. The hemispherical water tower is historically significant as the last remaining example of its type and an important reminder of the steam era. (Beeston, 1995)

Extent of Registration

1. All of the buildings known as the St. Arnaud Railway Station, including the station building and associated platforms, fences, scales, levers (B1), lamp room/toilet block (B2), water column (B3), up end 10, 000 gallon water tower (B4), down end hemispherical water tower (B5), as marked on plan 602865 held by the Executive Director.
2. All of the land surrounding the station buildings marked L1 and L2 on plan 602865 held by the Executive Director, being part of Crown Land vested in Victorian Rail Track.

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/>