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# MOONEE PONDS RAILWAY STATION



Moonee Ponds Railway Complex.JPG



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## Location

25 MARGARET STREET,, MOONEE PONDS VIC 3039 - Property No 190176

## Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO248

## Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The Moonee Ponds Railway Station, built in 1888 to the design of the Victorian Railways chief draughtsman and architect, George W. Sims, at 25 Margaret Street, Moonee Ponds is significant. The platforms and subway to the extent of the nineteenth century fabric, the mature trees (Pepper trees, *Schinus molle*, and Canary Island Palms, *Phoenix canariensis*), and remnants of early railway infrastructure including the base of the water tank also contribute to the significance of the place.

Non-original alterations and additions to the Up-side station and the down-side station building are not significant.

### How is it significant?

The Moonee Ponds Railway Station is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

### Why is it significant?

It is historically significant (Criterion A) as a gateway to the Moonee Ponds centre and locale since 1888, acting as an important impetus to commercial development in Puckle Street since that time.

It is aesthetically important (Criterion E) as a substantially intact example of one of the Victorian Railway's standard conservative Gothic Revival station buildings used mostly in the metropolitan area and also comparing with a second Gothic Revival design used only in country areas and seen today at Casterton and elsewhere. The importance of Moonee Ponds is enhanced by the intact state of the surviving brick building, the associated platforms and subway and by the appropriate setting provided by mature trees.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moonee Valley - City of Moonee Valley Heritage Study, Andrew Ward, 1998;
Construction dates	1888,
Architect/Designer	Sims, George W,
Other Names	MPAC heritage study,
Hermes Number	23981
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## Physical Description 1

A standard late nineteenth century station building complex consisting of main island platform building approached by a subway and ramp and Up (City bound) platform with station building and separate van goods shed group. There are additional pedestrian subways at the north and south (Puckle Street) ends of the complex with cast iron ballards, and the base of a locomotive water tower to the north, alongside the site of the car park (former goods sidings).

The main red brick, stuccoed and rough cast up-side (i.e., Melbourne-bound) building is dominated by extensive platform awnings with curved valances protecting all sides. The surface treatment and ox bow parapets are in the Arts and Crafts manner and there are bluestone sills, plinths and quoins, the windows sills and heads being linked by stuccoed bands. Inside, the ceilings are generally timber lined and the toilets retain their narrow pitched corrugated iron linings. Accommodation includes the booking and former telegraph office, the parcels office, former porters' room, general waiting room, ladies' waiting room and closets. The approach ramp has pressed metal wall linings and a curved angle' iron framed roof. The Upside buildings are stylistically similar with cantilevered awning to the main building, the roadside facade being broken up into sections defined by pilasters.

The waiting room has a segmentally arched window with glazing bars, keystone motif and ox bow pedimented treatment, the smaller windows to the parcels office being similarly treated. To the north, the van goods shed, store and lamp room constitute two detached parapeted buildings, the former milk shed connecting the two having been demolished.

The condition of the nineteenth century station is sound and the integrity is high, The goods yard is now occupied by a passenger car park. There are mature Pepper trees and Canary Island Palms along its north boundary. At the north end on the west side of the lines is the base of a water tower. It is circular on plan and cement lined, the presumed bowl shaped tank similar to the surviving installation at St.Arnaud having been removed.

## **Historical Australian Themes**

3.7 Moving goods and people. 3.7.3.1. Building and maintaining railways

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