
MOONEE PONDS FIRE STATION (FORMER)



3-5 Elizabeth Street.JPG



Moonee Valley Heritage
Review 1998

Location

3-5 ELIZABETH STREET, MOONEE PONDS, MOONEE VALLEY CITY

Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO228

Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The former Moonee Ponds Fire Station at 3-5 Elizabeth Street Moonee Ponds, designed by architects Speight and Tompkins and built in 1894, is significant. It is a Classical Revival influenced former fire station with dominant central pedimented portico having a segmental archway and surmounting cast cement pediment with foliated tympanum. The hipped roof is terra cotta tiled and the tall chimney stack has strapwork in the Queen Anne manner.

Non-original alterations and additions are not significant.

How is it significant?

The former Moonee Ponds Fire Station is historically and aesthetically important to the City of Moonee Valley.

Why is it significant?

It is historically important (Criterion A) as one of the earliest fire stations comparing with those erected at Elsternwick, East Prahran, Flemington and Spotswood and offering information concerning the types of stations built during the formative years of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board.

It is aesthetically important (Criterion E) as a conservative Classical Revival influenced building not dissimilar to the earlier station buildings erected on the Upfield and Essendon railway lines the architect Richard Speight being the son of the Railways commissioner of the same.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Moonee Valley - City of Moonee Valley Heritage Study, Andrew Ward, 1998; |
| Construction dates | 1894, |
| Architect/Designer | Speight, Richard, Tompkins, Harry, |
| Other Names | Moonee Ponds Fire Station, |
| Hermes Number | 24030 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

A Classical Revival influenced former fire station with dominant central pedimented portico having a segmental archway and surmounting cast cement pediment with foliated tympanum. The hipped roof is terra cotta tiled and the tall chimney stack has strapwork in the Queen Anne manner. There is a later low brick front fence. The building appears to be in good condition and has a high degree of external integrity.

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.

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