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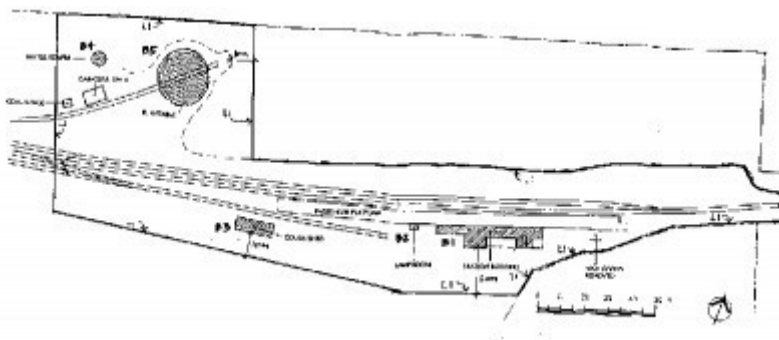
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healesville railway station plan

Location

38 HEALESVILLE-KINGLAKE ROAD HEALESVILLE, YARRA RANGES SHIRE

Municipality

YARRA RANGES SHIRE

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1567

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO2

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?

The Healesville Railway station complex was constructed for the Victorian Railways in 1902 by F E Shillabeer, on the Lilydale Healesville Line. The complex consists of a large timber gable roofed station building with extensive passenger waiting facilities, intact toilets and cantilevered verandahs to the platform and roadside waiting areas. Other associated structures include a timber lamp room, a corrugated iron clad goods shed, circular water tower and a turntable. The line has been closed since 1980, and the station building is currently being leased. While the station buildings are in poor condition and in urgent need of repair, they remain intact.

How is it significant?

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

Why is it significant?

Healesville Railway Station Complex is historically significant as an important and intact example of a railway station designed to cater specifically for peak holiday traffic. The station site generally reflects the development of the Healesville township as a tourist destination in the first half of the twentieth century. It also has historical associations with the timber industry, the construction of Maroondah dam and the steam railway era.

Healesville Railway Station is architecturally significant as an early and unique example of Edwardian timber station design. It was among the first stations to have cantilevered verandahs and possibly the earliest surviving timber example.

The water tower, turntable, goods shed and the sub-structure of the engine shed contribute substantially to the architectural significance of the site, as a representative example of a steam locomotive sub-depot.

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 which 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 the 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

* 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	1902,
Architect/Designer	Norman, Charles,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	584
Property Number	

History

Healesville Railway Station Complex is an important and intact example of a railway station that was designed to cater specifically for peak holiday traffic, and is consequently illustrative of the development of the Healesville township as a tourist destination in the first half of the twentieth century. It also has historical associations with the timber industry, the construction of the Maroondah dam and the steam railway era. (Coleman, 1997)

Extent of Registration

1. All of the buildings known as the Healesville Railway Station Complex, including the station building and associated platforms (B1), lamp room (B2), goods shed (B3), water tower (B4), turntable (B5), signals and levers, as marked on plan 602376 held by the Executive Director.
2. All of the land surrounding the buildings marked L1 on plan 602376 held by the Executive Director, being part of Crown Land under occupation of an order-in-council railway, being land described in Certificate of Title Volume 1846, Folio 159; Volume 1863, Folio 558; Volume 209, Folio 636; Volume 1410, Folio 848; Volume 1060, Folio 870.

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/>