
Jewell Railway Station, Signal Box and Gates

Location

Union Street, Brunswick, Moreland City

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO180

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

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The Jewell Railway Station, and Gates are of local historical, architectural and technological significance. The station is a relatively intact late Victorian railway which retains many of its characteristic details. The signal box and gates are rare surviving examples of such structures still in regular operation. The appearance of the station building has been marred by the addition at its northern end.

Heritage
Study/Consultant

Moreland - Keeping Brunswick's heritage: A Report on the Review of the Brunswick Conservation Study, Context Pty Ltd, 1990; Moreland - City of Moreland Heritage Review, Allen Lovell and Associates, 1999;

Architect/Designer

Sims, George W,

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59125

Property Number

Physical Description 1

Jewell Railway Station (east) is a single storey brick building. Walls are of face red brick with a bluestone base, with moulded string course and dressings to openings rendered. The building has a hipped corrugated iron roof with bracketed eaves. On the east elevation, a parapeted gable with rendered copings and delicate iron finial has a trefoil opening within a circular moulding above the main pointed arched doorway. The west (platform) elevation has a wide curved-profile verandah with cast iron columns, corrugated iron roof and latticed end panels. The timber-framed double-hung sash windows have been retained, but the openings have been covered with cyclone wire screens.

To the north of the building a single-storey skillion-roofed red brick wing incorporating a loading bay, has been added (c.1960s).

The Jewell signal box, on the north-east corner of the Union Street level crossing, is a simple one-and-a-half-storey building which has a red-painted gabled corrugated iron roof trimmed with timber king post finials. The walls are weatherboard and the simple timber-framed windows form a horizontal band along the south, west and north facades, allowing a view of the railway tracks. The windows are shaded by a narrow corrugated iron bracketed canopy.

The Jewell railway gates comprise two timber-framed gates, each of three panels two are cross-braced, the third has an additional central vertical member and timber corner bracing. Each gate has five horizontal iron rods, and is attached to cast iron gateposts. A longer member, probably of wrought iron, crosses the entire gate diagonally.

Key Architectural Elements: station symmetrical red brick building with rendered dressings
signal box simple timber structure with gabled corrugated iron roof and canopied windows

Conservation Guidelines: station preferably remove 20th century additions from north end of building

Comparative Examples: Brunswick Railway Station, Brunswick
Coburg Railway Station, Coburg
Moreland Railway Station and Signal Box, Coburg

Principal Historic Themes: significant phases in the development of towns and suburbs; 19th century speculative building activity

significant phases in the development of towns and suburbs (urban settlement); 19th century speculative subdivision patterns

association with 19th century

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