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# Former Royal Park Psychiatric Hospital



B6760 Royal Park Psychiatric Hospital

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## Location

1-29 Manchester Lane and 1-99 Cade Way and 2-14 Kirrip Crescent,, PARKVILLE VIC 3052 - Property No B6760

## Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

## Level of significance

State

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H2062

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

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The Royal Park Psychiatric Hospital, designed by the Public Works Department, and constructed in 1905-07, is of significance for architectural and historical reasons.

Architecturally, the layout of the complex and the design of the various buildings are the most notable features. The spreading, symmetrical arrangement of the pavilions is unusual, and only found in other institutions of the period. The various buildings are designed in a distinctive and attractive Edwardian manner, featuring large spreading Marseilles tiled roofs extending over continuous front verandahs that also form covered walkways

joining the ward blocks, large hexagonal bay elements, and decorative brick gables. Many interior details survive, notably the stair in the administration building, but the 1950s refacing of the administration block is regrettable. Historically, the separate pavilion planning of the buildings, in an open spacious site, is the second notable example of the new approach to the care of mental patients in Victoria. In a departure from the barracks style asylums of the 19th century, the pavilion style arrangement of the asylum buildings built at Sunbury in the 1890s were an innovation, and this arrangement is also seen in the development of the various buildings at Mont park, built between 1910 & 1917.

Classified: 03/05/1999

Other Names      Acute Mental Diseases Hospital,

Hermes Number   65377

Property Number

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