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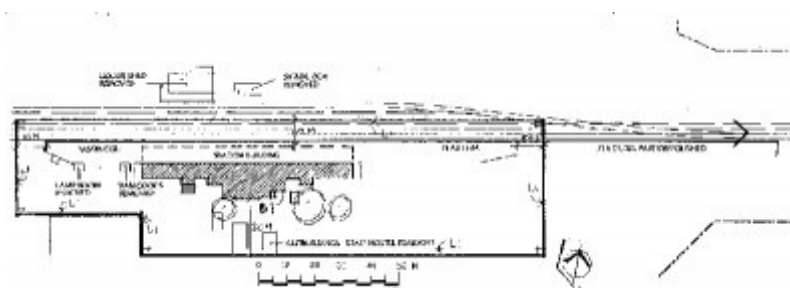
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Serviceton RWS Railway Side February 2002



serviceton railway station plan

## Location

ELIZABETH STREET SERVICETON, WEST WIMMERA SHIRE

## **Municipality**

WEST WIMMERA SHIRE

## **Level of significance**

Registered

## **Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number**

H1592

## **Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO10

## **VHR Registration**

August 20, 1982

## **Amendment to Registration**

July 20, 2000

## **Heritage Listing**

Victorian Heritage Register

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## **Statement of Significance**

Last updated on - May 3, 2000

What is significant?

Serviceton Railway Station, on the Melbourne-Adelaide line, was erected in 1888. The station was designed by the Victorian Railways Department architects and constructed by Walter & Morris. It comprises a large, two-storeyed, symmetrical, polychromatic brick station building, which provided for substantial staff accommodation facilities. The substantial basement provided extensive and secure storage, in addition to holding cells for prisoners and strong rooms. The enormous platform features a cast iron verandah. The round arched openings and polychrome brickwork to the walls are architectural features. The outbuilding/staff hostel, van goods shed, lamp room signal box goods shed and platform have all been removed.

How is it significant?

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

Why is it significant?

Serviceton Railway Station is historically significant for its association with the prolonged Victorian/South Australian border dispute, resulting from an incorrect border survey in 1847. The complex was constructed at the location where the border was originally defined, but was subsequently relocated. It is also significant as it includes the original customs offices used for the collection of duties on goods travelling interstate, along with holding cells for prisoners being transferred interstate. The role of Serviceton as a railway town of significance on the border of Victoria and South Australia is reflected in its function as a turn around point for state rail services. Serviceton Railway Station is also significant as an example of a building design that arose from the "Octopus Act" of 1884.

Serviceton Railway Station is architecturally significant as a unique and essentially intact example of a major terminal building on the network, and is also a key contributor to the character of the Western line.

## 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 that 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 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 1m<sup>3</sup> 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	1888,
Architect/Designer	Watson, Robert,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	1018
Property Number	

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## History

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## Extent of Registration

1. All of the buildings known as the Serviceton Railway Station, including the station building and associated platform (B1), as marked on plan 602057 held by the Executive Director.

2. All of the land surrounding the station buildings marked L1 on plan 602057 held by the Executive Director, being part of Crown Land vested in Victorian Rail Track.

*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/>*