
Albion VR, D.C. sub station



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Location

Talmage Street, ALBION VIC 3020 - Property No 3

Municipality

BRIMBANK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO028

Heritage Listing

Brimbank City

Statement of Significance

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Of State historical and architectural significance, the Victorian Railways Substation represents a period in railway development in Victoria which was marked by large scale developments and an expression of grandeur in building design. The electrification of the system played an important role in provision of relatively economic suburban train services and was itself a measure of the optimistic embracing of new technology as the country moved into the twentieth century. When completed, this first stage of the rail network's electrification, as symbolised by this building, was among the longest electrified railways on the world. The building is also of significance to Sunshine for its brief association with the McKay harvester works as a supplier of power.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Brimbank - Brimbank City Council Post-contact Cultural Heritage Study, G. Vines, 2000; Brimbank - Melbourne Western Region Industrial Heritage Study, G. Vines & A. Ward, 1989;
Construction dates	1919,
Hermes Number	106381
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Description

A monumental building of Renaissance design. Red brick walls are detailed in cement render to arched window heads, cornices and stylized keystones to small rectangular ground floor windows. Some of the latter are bricked in. The structure sits on a concrete plinth. Windows are steel -framed with small panes. A curved pediment with brick parapet above crowns twin windows over the large entrance door to the machine bay, matched with similar treatment at the opposite end. The machinery hall is a huge space open to the full height of the building, but now missing all equipment. Adjoining are the switch rooms divided into three floors, with a recessed, iron-railed balcony on the first floor. Now a Maltese Cultural Centre. Peppercorn trees mark the former fenced area and the alignment of the railway sidings leading into the truck doors.

Physical Conditions

Condition/integrity

Recently refurbished for use by the Maltese community. Windows have been reglazed and joinery repaired. While the transformers and other fittings have long been removed, the exterior is in very original condition.

Historical Australian Themes

4 Building settlement, towns and cities

4.2 Supplying urban services

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