
Camberwell Railway Station Complex and Precinct

Location

Cookson Street CAMBERWELL, BOROONDARA CITY

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO263

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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The buildings on the Cookson northern frontage form an important element in the townscape. They rise on a ridge and form a line facing south overlooking the station. These make a strong visual impression from the south and link station entrances to Burke Road. They reflect the historic role of the electrified railway in stimulating more intensive commercial land-use in the northern sections of Burke Road commercial district and introduced a wider range of commercial building form and activities to this part of the City.

The station design, the alteration of levels from Cookson Street to the platforms, the raised walkways, plantings and booking hall reflect the importance of the railway to suburban life in the age of electrification. The complexity of these structures and the pattern of pedestrian access contrast strongly with other Parts of the suburb and with other less lavish station designs elsewhere in Camberwell.

Camberwell's growth in the 1880s depended essentially on the rail link with the city and a large part of renewed expansion after the Second World War depended on electrified rail lines. The Outer Circle was itself one of the most unusual rail developments in Victorian history and one of the most telling constructions of the 1880s railway expansion. The station precinct is an important reminder of the central importance of the initial railway and later electrification in the 1920s in shaping the character of Camberwell and in defining the commercial character of Burke Road.

Heritage Study/Consultant Boroondara - Camberwell Conservation Study, Graeme Butler, 1991;

Hermes Number 112363

Property Number

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