
FORMER NORTH MELBOURNE CABLE TRAM CAR SHED

Location

8-14 HOWARD STREET NORTH MELBOURNE, MELBOURNE CITY

Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-2227

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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The archaeological remains of the former building site are highly significant as they display how Melbourne's cable tram system operated.

This place is included on the Victorian Heritage Inventory, for its potential to contain historical archaeological remains associated with the settlement and growth of early Melbourne. Under the terms of the Heritage Act 2017 there is protection for all historical archaeology sites and objects in the state.

Please visit the Heritage Victoria website to find out more about the Heritage Inventory.

Archaeological
Significance

The extensive Melbourne cable tramway system was installed in 1885-91. It was vested in the newly formed Melbourne & Metropolitan Tramways Board (M&MTB) in 1919 and the M&MTB soon began a program to replace the cable network with electric tramways and to build new electric lines. In 1925 the M&MTB built a new car shed in Howard Street North Melbourne to replace the original North Melbourne tram shed (Flemington Road) which was closed to allow the cable line in Flemington Road between Flemington Bridge and Abbotsford Street to be electrified. The Howard Street shed was closed in 1935 when the remainder of the North Melbourne cable line was electrified.

The Former Howard Street shed has the potential to contain evidence of significant 20th century archaeological remains such as tram tracks and an associated traverser (to move trams between the tracks within the building), a turntable, and inspection and access pits for maintenance and servicing of the trams. The section in Howard Street from the shed south to Victoria Street has the potential to reveal archaeological remains such as trackwork

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