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# FORMER JOHNSTON STREET CABLE TRAM CAR SHED

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## Location

436-438 JOHNSTON STREET ABBOTSFORD, YARRA CITY

## Municipality

YARRA CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-2236

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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The tracks and engine houses of the Melbourne cable tram network were constructed by the Melbourne Tramways Trust (MTT) during 1885-91. It was considered to be the world's largest cable tramway network under single ownership. The cable tram car sheds were built by the Melbourne Tramway & Omnibus Company which leased the lines from the MTT between 1885 and 1916 and operated the tram services.

Archaeological  
Significance

The former cable tram sheds have potential to contain evidence of significant 19th century archaeological remains such as parallel tram tracks, and an associated traverser to move the vehicles between the tracks, a turntable, and inspection and access pits for maintenance and repair of the trams.

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