
FORMER JOHNSTON STREET CABLE TRAM ENGINE HOUSE

Location

95-103 JOHNSTON STREET AND 56 ARGYLE STREET FITZROY, YARRA CITY

Municipality

YARRA CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-2243

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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The Melbourne cable tram system was constructed by the Melbourne Tramways Trust during 1885-91. It was considered to be the world's largest cable tramway network under single ownership.

Archaeological
Significance

After the closure of the cable tram engine houses from the mid 1920's until 1940, all of the machinery, fixtures and fittings were removed. Despite the fact that some buildings were totally or partially demolished and most of the extant buildings have been remodeled internally and externally, the sites have the potential to contain significant 19th century archaeological remains underground pertaining to their original use. These features include deep brick lined pits, cable races that spanned the length of the buildings, and foundations of a chimney stack, well and weigh bridge.

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