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## Location

167 PEEL STREET WINDSOR, STONNINGTON CITY

## **Municipality**

STONNINGTON CITY

## **Level of significance**

Registered

## **Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number**

H1600

## **Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO92

## **VHR Registration**

August 20, 1982

## **Amendment to Registration**

May 23, 1998

## **Heritage Listing**

Victorian Heritage Register

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## **Statement of Significance**

Last updated on - September 10, 1999

What is significant?

The Windsor Railway Station Complex includes station buildings and a footbridge. It was constructed in 1885-86 of polychromatic brick, and features paired round arched windows, a truncated hip roof, eaves consoles and prominent chimney stacks. A capped brick wall and a footbridge supported on cast iron columns with decorative brackets are also part of this substantial railway complex.

How is it significant?

The Windsor Railway Station Complex is of architectural and historical significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The Windsor Railway Station Complex is of architectural significance as one of the finest examples of a suburban railway station in Melbourne. While the individual elements and details of the buildings – such as the eaves brackets, brickwork patterns, broken gables and chimney stacks – are attractive and well executed, the complex draws its chief architectural significance from the massing of the buildings and structures, with the ramps, stairways, overhead bridge and verandahs creating a dramatic overall effect.

The Windsor Railway Station Complex is of historical significance as a remnant manifestation of the late-19th century “land boom” expansion of railways in Victoria. Throughout Melbourne suburban expansion rapidly

accompanied the provision of railway lines, and stations like Windsor clearly reveal the importance of the railways to the 19th century city. Windsor was an important station on the Brighton Line, being close to Chapel Street and Dandenong Road and having for a long time its own sidings. The substantial character of the complex is indicative of the considerable investment and pride that went into Melbourne's 19th century railway structures.

## Permit Exemptions

### General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

**Places of worship:** In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must [notify](#) the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

**Subdivision/consolidation:** Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

Construction dates	1885,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	CHAPEL STREET STATION,
Hermes Number	1235
Property Number	

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## History

Contextual History:History of Place:

In 1857 the St Kilda and Brighton Railway Company was authorized to run a line from Brighton to Windsor, and then by a loop across Punt Road and St Kilda Road to St Kilda Station and then on to Flinders Street.

The Melbourne and Suburban Railway Company established a line from Princes Bridge through Richmond and South Yarra terminating at Windsor in 1860. In 1862 this company bought out the St Kilda and Brighton Railway Company and closed down the St Kilda loop line. The Brighton line through Windsor and South Yarra was thus created, stimulating development in the Prahran area from then on.

The line became the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay United Railway in 1865 and was in turn sold to the Government in 1878, thus linking it to the suburban and country rail networks.

Associated People:

## **Extent of Registration**

Amendment of Register of Government Buildings

Prahran City

Railway Station Complex, Peel Street, Windsor.

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G39 12 October 1988 p.3093]

Transferred to the Victorian Heritage Register 23 May 1998 (2 years after the proclamation of the Heritage Act 1995 pursuant to the transitional provisions of the Act)

*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*