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# FORMER W. MORTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

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## Location

1-23 CITY ROAD SOUTHBANK, MELBOURNE CITY

## Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-2374

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - April 7, 2021

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 archaeological sites and objects in the state.

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

	Potenital fo post-contact archaeological deposits exists within the site. early use of the site for campsites (i.e. Canvas Town) is likely to have left minimal archaeological signature, however, where apparent they are likely to materialise as post holes or refuse deposits of an ephemeral nature.
Archaeological Significance	Potential for archaeological deposits relating to nineteenth century structures in many contexts (i.e. industrial phase dating through the mid to late nineteenth century). Possible archaeological remains could include structural foundations, artefactual material (i.e. refuse deposits) relating to occupation and industrial use of the site and yard surfaces. Re-use of nineteenth century structures for West's Theatre.
Historical Significance	The site has the ability to inform on the early development of South Melbourne, including early evidence of the the Canvas Town. The sitehas strongpotential for late nineteenth century industrial sites and the establishment of Melbourne's first purpose built picture theatre -with acontinued themeas a recreational areathroughoutthe twenty-first century.
Other Names	Hoyt's Lyceum, Former Canvas Town, West's Theatre, Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), Testing Grounds, E. L. Yencken & Co. oil and colour manufacturers,
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## History

### Summary Timeline

Pre-1835: Swamp and wetland

Early Post-Contact: Swamp land and paddocks; broader area partially occupied by 'Canvas Town'.

1880: Subdivision of study area, possible period of industrial construction.

1909 - 1918: West's Theatre

1918 - 1923: Hoyt's Lyceum

1923: Demolition of Hoyt's Lyceum and construction of the YMCA Hall.

1982-3: Demolition of YMCA Hall.

2013 - Present: The land has been levelled, and the study area is now occupied by the Testing Grounds

*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.*

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