
FORMER SOUTH MELBOURNE POST OFFICE

Location

207-229 CITY ROAD SOUTHBANK, MELBOURNE CITY

Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-2398

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The South Melbourne Post Office archaeological site, north-southeast corner of Kings Way and City Road, South Melbourne.

How is it significant?

The South Melbourne Post Office archaeological site is of historical and archaeological (scientific) significance to Southgate and the city of Melbourne.

Contributory elements include:

- archaeological evidence of structural form and occupation deposits and
- present grassed open space as indicator of its location.

Why is it significant?

The South Melbourne Post Office archaeological site is historically significant as a potentially intact archaeological deposit relating to the late-19th and early-20th century occupation of this location.

Interpretation of Site	This grassed area is part of the grounds of the former City Road Primary School, now the Boyd Community Hub. The Post Office occupied the corner of the block, but the western part was reclaimed for the widening of Kings Way. It is likely that footings from the Post Office buildings, underfloor deposits and other artefact deposits are present below the current fill and paving. Historic photographs and plans indicate a substantial masonry building with outbuildings and a rear yard. A closet at the rear of the allotment was probably filled when the sewerage system was connected in the 1890s. No later buildings have been on the site.
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History

The South Melbourne Post Office was erected in 1884, close to the South Melbourne Primary School, serving a well-established area of residences and businesses. The Post Office occasionally appears in the public record, either because of holdups or robberies, or to recognise staff for their service. As an inner-city Post Office, it did not require a postmaster's residence. The land, originally a Crown parcel, was transferred to the ownership of the Commonwealth government in 1901.

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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