
551-573 ELIZABETH STREET, MELBOURNE

Location

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Municipality

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Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-2409

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

551-573 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne forms part of the Elizabeth Street North (Boulevard) Precinct (HO1124), which retains a diverse range of buildings and architectural styles. The two three-storey brick structures located at the site have been identified as D grade buildings by the City of Melbourne.

551-573 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne is located within land used as a cattle market (1842-1850s), for residential/commercial purposes (1864/5-1920s), and by car showrooms and garages (1920s-2020). The site has been assessed as having low-moderate (CA 7) and moderate (CA 5 & CA 6) archaeological potential, with possible remains associated with the cattle market (1842-1850s) and residential/commercial occupation (1864/5-1920s). While twentieth-century activities have undoubtedly resulted in subsurface disturbance (e.g., demolition/removal of structures, subsequent building works, service emplacements), none of the extant buildings have basement levels and it seems likely that in situ nineteenth-century structural remains and associated deposits remain at the site.

How is it significant?

The site is of aesthetic, archaeological, architectural, historical, and scientific significance at a local level.

Why is it significant?

Interpretation of Site	1. Cattle Market & Township development (c.1835-1864/5) • Removal of vegetation. • Landform modification. • Possible construction of buildings/features and fencing. • Extension of Elizabeth Street. 2. Residential/Commercial (1864/5-1920s) • Construction of buildings/features and fencing. • Service emplacements. • Demolition of structures/features and fencing. 3. Automotive sales (1920s-2020) • Construction of buildings. • Demolition and alteration of structures/features. • Service emplacements.
Heritage Act Categories	Registered archaeological place,
Hermes Number	208514
Property Number	

History

From c.1858-1864/5 the site was a cattle market with further elements of township development including removal of vegetation, landform modifications and construction of buildings, fencing and the extension of Elizabeth Street. During 1864/5 to the 1920s saw the site transition to residential and commercial buildings (14 main buildings with associated outbuildings. After the 1920s an automotive sales complex was constructed on site. 551-573 Elizabeth Street, the site currently encompasses a car showroom complex comprised of a three-storey brick building (1923); a three-storey brick building (1927); a single-storey building with rooftop parking (c.1953) and a paved carpark fronting Elizabeth Street.

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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