
FLEMINGTON POLICE STATION & LOCK UP (FORMER)



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Flemington &
Kensington Conservation
Study 1985

Location

30 WELLINGTON STREET, FLEMINGTON, MOONEE VALLEY CITY

Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H844

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO123

Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

Statement of Significance

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Architecturally, despite alterations, the picturesque and uncommon residential form is impressive as a single building complex and by its relationship with others nearby; of high metropolitan importance.

Historically, a major public building in the area; of local importance.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moonee Valley - Flemington and Kensington Conservation Study, City of Melbourne, 1985;
Construction dates	1891,
Architect/Designer	Kelleher, John Thomas,
Hermes Number	23925
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The tall red brick gables of the station and residence stand apart from the low lock-up which extends on the street alignment between the station and courthouse (qv). As the latest design of these three public buildings, this reflects more the residential Queen Anne style hinted at by designs such as the Essendon McCracken house of 1889.

However more so it relates to the tall multi-gabled, often half-timbered houses of northern Europe and Britain where gabled roofs or whole rooms sailed out over walls by means of deep timber brackets (see Guildhall, Lavenham, c1529; Duchess Annels House, Morlaix, 15thC; and Houses, Miltenberg Market place, c1500).

Picturesque massing here is both suggested and true; roof gables protrude over lower gables to imply the traditional overhanging upper level, stepped parapetted attics and romantically disposed chimneys provide more tangible and free use of eclectic detail for effect. Supporting the upper elevation a broad balloon-arched opening at ground-level signals the former police office window and the sharp gable beside it, the entry porch.

The lock-up (now the police station) extends under a pilastered and parapeted walls with small windows connected discreetly by string and impost moulds, whilst its entrance like the old office is also signalled by two sharp gables.

Integrity

Despite the impact of the powerful and picturesque forms used here, the unfortunate alteration to openings has a definite effect: patches of new red brickwork show where openings were on both front and rear elevations. At the rear less harmful single-storey red brick additions have been made; the fences have been replaced and trim colours changed.

Streetscape

Continuing the Medieval inspiration of the public buildings to the south and St. Brendan's school and church complex to the west, the station is prominent and a major contributor to this important streetscape.

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