
ELECTRICITY SUBSTATION



Electricity Substation, Pender Street, Thornbury

Location

Pender Street, THORNBURY VIC 3071

Municipality

DAREBIN CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO289

Heritage Listing

Darebin City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - July 15, 2008

What is significant?

The former City of Northcote electrical substation in Pender Street, Thornbury is a cream and manganese brick pavilion in the Moderne style. The building is situated on the axis of Pender Street, west of Archibold Street, and closes the vista along the street. The substation has a raised central section, which has a small hipped roof and sides clad in weatherboards. The east elevation, which faces down Pender Street has a circular insignia with what is most probably the former City of Northcote emblem. Below this, recessed into the wall, is a drinking fountain.

The landscaping and paving in the forecourt are not significant.

How is it significant?

The electricity substation at Pender Street, Thornbury is of local historic and aesthetic significance to Darebin City.

Why is it significant?

The electricity substation at Pender Street, Thornbury is historically significant for its associations with the City of Northcote and as a representative example of a sub-station that provides evidence of supply of electricity by the City to the expanding suburban areas of Thornbury during the inter-war period. The significance of the substation is enhanced by its rarity value as one of a small number to survive relatively intact. (AHC criteria A.4, B.2, D.2 & H.1)

Aesthetically, the substation has architectural significance as a finely detailed example of a brick inter-war substation in the Moderne style, which is the most architecturally accomplished example in Darebin. Integral to the significance is the apparently deliberate design and siting of the sub-station to terminate the vista looking west down Pender Street, which demonstrates the care and thought that went into the design. (AHC criterion F.1)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Darebin - Darebin Heritage Study, Context P/L, 2011;
Construction dates	1935,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	26729
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

A cream and manganese brick pavilion in the Moderne style containing an electrical substation. The building is situated on the axis of Pender Street, west of Archibold Street, and closes the vista along the street. The substation has a raised central section, which has a small hipped roof and sides clad in weatherboards. The east elevation, which faces down Pender Street has a circular insignia with what is most probably the former City of Northcote emblem. Below this, recessed into the wall, is a drinking fountain.

The landscaping and paving to the forecourt are later additions.

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