

# CLIFTON HILL RAILWAY STATION COMPLEX



1 clifton hill railway station complex  
hoddle street clifton hill trackside view  
jun1984



clifton hill railway station cplx hoddle  
street clifton hill side view jun1984



clifton hill railway station complex hoddle  
street clifton hill front view jun1984



clifton hill railway station complex hoddle  
street clifton hill platform jun1984



clifton hill railway station complex hoddle  
street clifton hill signal box

## Location

1 HEIDELBERG ROAD CLIFTON HILL, YARRA CITY

## Municipality

YARRA CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1668

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO90

## VHR Registration

August 20, 1982

## Amendment to Registration

May 23, 1998

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - July 20, 1999

What is significant?

The Clifton Hill Railway Station Complex was constructed between 1887 and 1901 in the late-Victorian Gothic style. The main (downside) building was designed by the architecture branch of the Victorian Railways Department and built by the contractors Parkers and Vickers. It was constructed of load-bearing brick on a blue stone base, with a slate roof. Other features of the complex include two timber-framed gabled roofed signal boxes (built in 1888 and 1901), situated either side of the downside platform, and the original swinging railway gates (now not in use).

How is it significant?

The Clifton Hill Railway Station Complex is of architectural, historical significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The Clifton Hill Railway Station Complex is of architectural significance as a largely intact example of the Maldon style of suburban railway station design, one of the two dominant styles of station building in Melbourne during the 1880s. Significant parts of the original complex remain intact, including its Gothic pointed rendered windows and arches over the doors, clustered chimney stacks and cast iron roof-top finial. The corrugated iron extensions to either side of the station building are intact and appear to only exist at Clifton Hill, although they were once common to many of the stations on the network. They contain toilets and porter's yard and room. Parts of the waiting room are intact, and the station's verandahs, double doors and cast iron railing at the roadside entrance are important original features. Together with the original swinging gates, signal boxes and mature Canary Island palm, the station building represents a substantially complete late 19th century urban railway complex.

The Clifton Hill Railway Station Complex is of historical significance for its association with the late-19th century "land boom" expansion of railways in Victoria, in particular the Inner and Outer circle lines of metropolitan Melbourne. The complex provides important evidence of the infrastructure of late-19th and early-20th century train travel and of the train traveller's experience.

## Permit Exemptions

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Construction dates        1888,  
Heritage Act Categories   Registered place,  
Hermes Number            294  
Property Number

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## **Extent of Registration**

Amendment of Register of Government Buildings  
Collingwood City  
Railway Station Complex, Clifton Hill.  
[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G39 12 October 1988 p3088]

Transferred to the Victorian Heritage Register 23 May 1998 (2 years after the proclamation of the Heritage Act 1995 pursuant to the transitional provisions of the Act)

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