
Murrumbeena Railway Station



Murrumbeena Railway
Station Neerim Rd
Murrumbeena, August 2000

Location

Murrumbeena Road MURRUMBEENA, GLEN EIRA CITY

Municipality

GLEN EIRA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO132

Heritage Listing

Glen Eira City

Statement of Significance

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The railway station with associated gardens is located on Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena and was presumably opened with the line on 8th of October, 1877, the present buildings and footbridge having been erected about the time of electrification in 1922. It is historically and aesthetically significant.

It is historically significant (Criterion A) as a point of entry and departure for the Murrumbeena locality for over a century, having been associated with its development presumably since the opening of the line in 1877. It is

understood that the platforms are the only surviving nineteenth century elements. It is historically significant also as a surviving complex of standard buildings designed by the office of the chief architect in the Way and Works Branch during J. W. Hardy's term of office but presumably undertaken by his successor, James Fawcett.

It is aesthetically significant (Criterion E) as a complete (Criterion D) suburban station complex from the Great War period with up and downside buildings and footbridge, complemented by mature but remnant public gardens. Their aesthetic importance is derived also from the use of Arts and Crafts forms and ornamentation in a manner which complements many of the contemporary houses in the vicinity of the railway station.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Glen Eira - City of Glen Eira Heritage Management Plan, Andrew Ward, Architectural Historian, 1996;
Hermes Number	43659
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Physical Description 1

A complex of timber buildings and structures on asphalt paved platforms with brick walls and sawn bluestone copings. Principal elements are the main (upside) station building, the secondary (downside) station building, the footbridge and mature trees with associated recent gardens.

The buildings are standard Arts and Crafts former Victorian Railways Department designs, the terra cotta tiled gable roof with capped chimneys to the main building having shingled ends with fixed louvres and brackets. The walls have bull nosed weatherboards with corner posts and cement sheet fills. There is a steel framed canopy with ripple iron valance manufactured by Forman and Co., engineers, Melbourne. The roadside entry is given emphasis with a picturesque Arts and Crafts porch with arched bressemeres. Inside, there are painted v-jointed linings and cement sheet fills and ceilings. The booking window in the lobby is intact and there is an office, two waiting rooms and later closets at the west end.

The smaller downside building is of similar style and has a single longitudinal gable roof and cantilevered verandah. Accommodation includes the lobby, office, waiting room and presumed former waiting room now possibly an extension of the office at the west end.

There is a standard timber framed footbridge at the down end of the buildings with steel -main girders and sheet metal fence, the approach flights having timber stringers, posts and railings.

Mature plantings include elms, conifer, peppercorns, oaks and a palm tree.

Physical Description 2

Condition: Medium, evidence of termite infestation.

Physical Description 3

Integrity: High.

Historical Australian Themes

Public Services: Railways

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