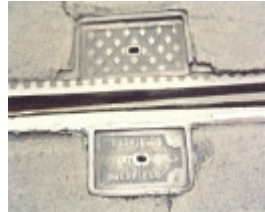

Grand Union Tramway Junction



Tramway Crossing, Balaclava and Hawthorn Roads



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Location

Balaclava and Hawthorn Road CAULFIELD NORTH, GLEN EIRA CITY

Municipality

GLEN EIRA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0227

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO148

Heritage Listing

Glen Eira City

Statement of Significance

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The grand union tramway junction at the corner of Balaclava and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield North was opened in 1913 by the Prahran and Malvern Tramway Trust, forming part of its routes to the St. Kilda Esplanade, Glenhuntly Road, and Darling Road. It enabled any tramway vehicle approaching the intersection to turn left or

right and was renewed in 1947. It remains complete with overhead power lines today. It is historically, aesthetically and technically significant.

It is historically significant (Criterion A) in that it recalls the work of the Prahran and Malvern Tramway Trust and subsequently the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board as well as the routes which depended on the junction for their operation. It is aesthetically significant (Criterion E) on account of the manner in which the power lines dominate the skyline at the intersection and for the complexity of the track work, both considerations setting this intersection apart from others throughout the metropolis. It is technically significant (Criterion F) on account of the infrastructure required to construct the junction which includes point blades, access covers recalling English manufacturers as well as the former M&MTB, intersecting rails and the complexity of the over head power line installation with associated stanchions. Three similar junctions existed on the Adelaide tramway system, closed during the late 1950s.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Glen Eira - Caulfield Conservation Study, Andrew Ward, Architectural Historian, 1994;
Other Names	Tramway Crossing,
Hermes Number	43734
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

"Grand union" tramway junction with crossover in Balaclava Road and overhead wires and former M & MTB tram poles carrying overhead. The track is set partly in mass concrete and partly in asphalt. Cast metal access covers to point blades are marked "MMTB", "M&MTB" and "Hadfields Patent Shellfield". The tramway shelters are not contributory elements.

Physical Description 2

Condition: Sound

Physical Description 3

Integrity: good

Historical Australian Themes

Public Services: Caulfield electric tramways

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