
MORELAND RAILWAY STATION SIGNAL BOX

Location

MORELAND ROAD, COBURG, MORELAND CITY

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO180

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

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The Moreland signal box is of state historical and technological significance. It retains Winters double line block instruments which are now rare in signal boxes of the period outside the Upfield Line. It is historically significant because of its association with local industry through the factories and stores which owned sidings in the Moreland Station complex which were served from this signal box.

Heritage
Study/Consultant

Moreland - City of Moreland Heritage Review, Allen Lovell and Associates, 1999;
Moreland - City of Coburg Heritage Conservation & Streetscape Study, Timothy
Hubbard Pty Ltd, 1991;

Architect/Designer

Sims, George W,

Hermes Number

59067

Property Number

Physical Description 1

The Moreland Road signal box is a simple one-and-a-half-storey building which has a red-painted gabled corrugated iron roof with scalloped bargeboards and a small finial trimming the south gable. The walls are weatherboard and the simple timber windows form a horizontal band along the south, east and north facades, allowing a view of the railway tracks. A staff toilet is attached.

Massive timber floor framing carries interlocking machinery. The chimneys and fireplaces have been removed. The signal masts, typical of many installations, are the lattice type with somersault home and fixed distant arms with cast iron finials remove. Double line block safe working instruments are still in situ.(2)

(2) Andrew Ward & Associates, Upfield Railway Heritage Study. The same signalling system on the former St Kilda Railway Line has been removed as a result of its Light Rail upgrading.

Key Architectural Elements: original corrugated iron clad roof
carved timber bargeboards
two storey weatherboard construction

Conservation Guidelines: replace missing six pane vertical sash windows

Comparative Examples: Signal Boxes Gardiner, Kooyong and Mentone Railway Stations

Note:

During the course of this study, works have been proposed and undertaken along the Upfield railway line. These works have included the dismantling and removal of some of the railway related structures recommended for Heritage Overlay protection in this study.

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