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## Former Police Station & Old Police Cells



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### Location

621 - 629 Bourke Street,, MELBOURNE VIC 3000 - Property No B2477

### Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

### Level of significance

Regional

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0655

### Heritage Listing

National Trust

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### Statement of Significance

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Classified as a group, the Bourke Street West Police Station and attendant Cell Block have no matching examples as to function and design in Melbourne's central business district.

Both were built under the direction of the Public Works Department: the brick police station, a well-proportioned statement with restrained gothic elements and carriageway entrance, was built in 1887-8 to the design of S.E. Bindley and S.C. Brittingham and the basalt cell block with its extended lantern was built to plans of 1887, architect unspecified. The courtyard bounded by the buildings is a central city enclave. The Bourke Street facade

of the police station forms a pleasing streetscape with the adjacent St. Augustine's church, the scale of facing buildings across Bourke Street being in harmony.

Group Classification: 19/04/1979

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| Other Names     | Former Bourke Street West Police Barracks, Former Bourke Street West Police Station and Cells, |
| Hermes Number   | 64381  |
| Property Number |  |

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