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# Harold Freeman - 'History Of Transport' Mural



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## Location

Northern Wall, DFO Southern Cross,, DOCKLANDS VIC 3008 - Property No B6678

## Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

## Level of significance

State

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1936

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

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The Harold Freedman mural, History of Transport at Spencer Street Railway Station (now Southern Cross Station) is significant at the State level because of its historical, architectural, technical and social significance. It is the first attempt to create a large mural in a public space in Victoria on a theme of transport history. This is the first of the public art works conceived and carried out after the artist's appointment as State Artist in 1972, a unique appointment in the history of Victoria. Its aim is to depict public transport history in Victoria from 1835-1935. The railway system played a most important part in the development of Victoria, and Australia as a whole,

in the first 100 years of settlement. The mural traces the history of transport in Victoria, and celebrates the first hundred years of Victoria's history as a state and the important part played by the various forms of early transport in opening up the state to the early settlers. Depicted are the various types of vehicles, railway stock, trams, trade carts used during this period of major expansion which coincided with the Industrial Revolution in England and Europe, and which meant the change from the early settlement of Port Phillip as a simple pastoral one to a modern progressive industrialized entity in one hundred years. It is a technical tour de force in the realist mode and has captured the public imagination.

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