

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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Elsternwick Theatre



B7027 Classic Cinema

Location

9 Gordon Street, ELSTERNWICK, GLEN EIRA CITY

Municipality

GLEN EIRA CITY

Level of significance

Regional

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - April 19, 2005

The Elsternwick Theatre, established in 1911 in an earlier hall, is of Regional historical and social significance. Historically, the Elsternwick Theatre is important as the longest continuously operating cinema in Victoria. However, the building itself was not purpose built as a cinema, and little remains of the early cinema interior. It is also notable as one of a handful of early cinemas in Victoria to still operate.

The Elsternwick Theatre is socially significant for its association with cinema, the major form of popular entertainment in the early twentieth century. Prior to the conversion of the premises into a picture theatre in 1911, the building was an important community gathering place; as a public hall and lodge rooms.

Architectural interest is restricted to the late Victorian facade, with its relatively unusual three bay arrangement, each topped by large triangular pediments that project beyond the parapet, providing an interesting silhouette.

Classified: 02/10/2000

Other Names Classic Cinema,

Hermes Number 65624

Property Number

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