South Melbourne Cricket & Football Grandstand and Press Box

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Location

Lakeside Oval, Albert Road,, ALBERT PARK VIC 3206 - Property No B6652

Municipality

PORT PHILLIP CITY

Level of significance

State

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

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The South Melbourne Cricket & Football Club Grandstand, constructed in 1926 to replace an earlier grandstand destroyed by fire, is of State significance for its advanced structural and interesting decorative design by prominent architects G W Glegg & Morrow and its strong association with Melbourne's greatest sporting past-times, those of cricket and football.
The grandstand is one of the better examples of early twentieth grandstands to survive. It is probably the most stylistically advanced stand to survive from the 1920s . It is one of only two non-symmetrical stands, and with its ornamental gables, prominent vents in the form of ridge lanterns, it is one of the more interesting stands of the 1920s.

The South Melbourne Cricket Club has produced more great cricketers than any other club in the state, and is one of the oldest.
The grandstand found its greatest use as the home to one of the original VFL teams for over 100 years, a team which moved to Sydney in recent years. The ground, and especially the Grandstand, is now the major monument to the former South Melbourne Football Club.
The Press Box, probably constructed in 1892, was the only known such structure to exist in the metropolitan area.
Classified: 05/12/1994

File Note 28/05/2012: The exterior of the grandstand was restored in 2011 as part of its conversion to house facilities for the Victorian Institute of Sport. The seating area was partly infilled to house offices, and extensions were added to the front and side. The ground has been converted to provide for athletics and soccer.

Other Names	Lakeside Oval,
Hermes Number	66338
Property Number	

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