
South Melbourne Railway Station Complex



B4953 South Melbourne
Railway Station

Location

221 Ferrars Street,, SOUTH MELBOURNE VIC 3205 - Property No B4953

Municipality

PORT PHILLIP CITY

Level of significance

State

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1593

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

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The present tuck-pointed brick station buildings decorated with polychrome bands, constructed in 1883 by the firm Furneaux, Besley and Angel to replace an earlier 1858 wooden structure, forms part of a unique station complex which is important as one of the largest and most lavish of its type. Significant elements include both station buildings, ramps, cast-iron railings and an 1863 cast-iron footbridge at Coventry street, as well as three 19th century bluestone bridges. The Dorcas Street bridge was designed by William Elsdon, engineer and dates from the opening of the line in May 1857. The two bluestone bridges at Bank and Park streets, envisaged in 1857

railway plans, are undated but were constructed prior to 1865.

The station complex is an example of the principles of the Italianate style applied to railway buildings. It includes such devices as large arches, bracketed eaves, cornices, and pediments and Corinthian capitals to the verandah columns. Of particular note is the severe design of the platform gates. The building has suffered from unsympathetic alterations. Much of the original fenestration and openings detailing was compromised by brutal alterations in the late 1970s which were more recently ameliorated.

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