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EXHIBITION GOODS SHED



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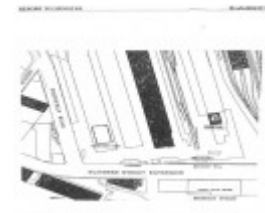
exhibition goods shed spencer street melbourne rear of flinders street extension goods shed



exhibition goods shed spencer street melbourne remnants of number 1 shed



exhibition goods shed spencer street melbourne side view of flinders street extension goods shed



H0930 H0930 plan

Location

330 UNION LANE BYLANDS, MITCHELL SHIRE

Municipality

MITCHELL SHIRE

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0930

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO22

VHR Registration

September 30, 1992

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - February 1, 2000

What is significant?

The Exhibition Goods Shed, a timber and corrugated iron structure originally formed the central avenue of the International Exhibition of 1880-81 in the Carlton Gardens. It was relocated to the Spencer Street rail yards in 1881, where it functioned as the grain store accommodating bagged brewer's grain. It was permitted to be relocated to a tram museum in Bylands in 1999 to make way for the Docklands redevelopment. The structure of the shed, probably designed by notable architectural firm Reed and Barnes, who were responsible for the Exhibition Buildings, consists of a truss form (modified scissor type), unusual in industrial buildings and more commonly found in ecclesiastical buildings. The structure was reduced in height when relocated in 1881, and until 1989 was approximately 820 feet long. The surviving section of 7 bays is a small fragment of the original.

How is it significant?

The Exhibition Goods Shed is of historical and architectural significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The Exhibition Goods Shed is of historical significance as the only known remnant surviving from the extensive timber buildings of the Melbourne International Exhibition of 1880-81. The Exhibition was a major event in Melbourne's late-19th century history. It reflected the growing wealth and confidence of the city in the wake of the gold rushes. International Exhibitions were held in several major cities throughout the world during the 19th and early 20th centuries, celebrating mainly Western industrial and commercial achievements, but traces of the buildings erected for the purpose are now rare, giving any surviving buildings added importance.

The Exhibition Goods Shed is of historical significance as one of the oldest remnants of the great 19th century railway goods sheds. By far the greatest part of the shed's history was spent serving as a grain store and goods shed in the Spencer Street Railyards. It thus remains as an important reminder of the character and scale of railway infrastructure when the railways were the main means of transporting bulk goods, and of the important role played by the railways in the development of the State.

The Exhibition Goods Shed is of architectural significance as a rare surviving example of a 19th century international exhibition building. Although substantially reduced from its original size, it is possible to gain some impression of the original scale of the building, and the unusual scissor truss construction is plainly evident.

Construction dates 1880,

Architect/Designer Reed & Barnes,

Heritage Act Categories Registered place,
Other Names FORMERLY LOCATED WITHIN SPENCER STREET RAIL YARDS,
Hermes Number 755
Property Number

History

Contextual History:History of Place:

The Exhibition Goods Shed was originally constructed as the Central Avenue of the 1880-81 International Exhibition. The Exhibition, covering 22 acres of the Carlton Gardens, opened in October 1880. The Exhibition included products and displays of manufacturers from the British Isles, Europe and the Australian Colonies. The Central Avenue was relocated to the Spencer Street Railway Yards after the closure of the Exhibition. It was reduced in height when relocated and in 1989 considerably reduced in length. Originally it was 820 feet long, 58 feet high and 40 feet wide. The side aisles were 32 feet high and 30 feet wide.

Associated People:

Extent of Registration

AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 930.

"Exhibition" Goods Shed

Flinders Street Extension

Spencer Street Railway Yards

(To the extent of the building known as the "Exhibition Goods Shes (as relocated from 1880 Exhibition), Flinders Street Extension, Spencer Street Railway Yard (marked B-1) on Plan 6052257 (A), being located on part of the land described in Certificate of Title Volume 9808 Folio 879).

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G37 23 September 1992 p.2820]

(NOTE: a permit was issued on 11 February 1999 allowing the building to be relocated to Bylands Tramway Museum, Union Lane, Bylands)

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