

<b>Building:</b>	Clifton Hill Railway Station and Platform and Canopy	<b>Significance:</b>	A
<b>Address:</b>	John Street, Clifton Hill	<b>Melway Map Ref:</b>	2C J2

<b>Building Type:</b>	Railway Station	<b>Construction Date:</b>	1888
<b>Architect:</b>	Unknown	<b>Builder:</b>	Unknown



**Intactness:**  
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**Condition:**  
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**Existing Heritage Listings:**

Victorian Heritage Register	[x]
Register of the National Estate	[x]
National Trust	[x]

**Recommended Heritage Listings:**

Victorian Heritage Register	[x]
Register of the National Estate	[x]
Heritage Overlay Controls	[x]

## **History**

The Clifton Hill Railway Station was built in 1888. The branch railways to Fitzroy and Clifton Hill were both opened on 8 May 1888, the contract for this building being signed in that year. The station building is one of a small group of Gothic Revival style stations constructed during the chairmanship of the first Commissioner of Railways, Richard Speight. Similar buildings were erected on the Essendon and Coburg lines, at Maldon and at North Carlton.

The platform canopy was built after 1901. It was the last of three similar freestanding canopies known to have been built, the others existing formerly at Rushworth and Warburton. It is associated with the opening of the Clifton Hill to Princes Bridge line in 1901. It was formerly used in conjunction with the portable buildings on this platform which were burnt down in 1981.

A footbridge formerly situated at the north end of the platforms has been replaced by a subway.

Andrew Ward. *Collingwood Conservation Study*. 1995.

## **Description**

The Clifton Hill Railway Station is a single-storey building of red brick construction with a bluestone plinth and a hipped slated roof. The building is designed in a free Gothic Revival style. The central gabled entrance porch facing Hoddle Street projects forward slightly, and has a large pointed archway providing access to the platforms beyond. A quatrefoil opening is located within the gable end, which is surmounted by an iron finial. On each side of the entrance are four double-hung sash windows with pointed arches, grouped in pairs. All of the windows have rendered dressings, and are united across the façade by a string course at impost level. The cornice is bracketed. Two brick chimneys penetrate the steeply pitched roof, and have rendered moulded cappings. A cast iron palisade fence runs across the Hoddle Street elevation.

The Clifton Hill Station verandah canopy is a six-posted standard design freestanding timber platform canopy with rafters braced by curved iron brackets extending from each post to gutter lines. The canopy ends have timber valances and king post finials.

## **Comparative Examples**

Brunswick Railway Station, Brunswick

Jewell Railway Station, Brunswick

Coburg Railway Station, Coburg

## **Significance**

The Clifton Hill Railway Station is of state architectural and historical significance. The station building is a one of the most intact examples of a small group of similar Gothic Revival style stations constructed in Melbourne in the late 1880s. The station's verandah canopy is the last of three similar freestanding canopies known to have been built. It is an important early decorative timber railway structure and was associated with the opening of the Princes Bridge extension in 1901.

## **Original Source**

Andrew Ward. *Collingwood Conservation Study*. 1995.