

Building: Station Building
Address: Clifton Hill Station building



Allotment Reference: Section 13, Lots 1-3
National Estate Register: Registered
Government Buildings Council Register: Registered
National Trust Register: Classified
Location within Precinct: Clifton Hill Eastern Residential Precinct
Photo Date: July, 1988
Grantee: M. Moss, (1), T. Upton (2), J. Ryan (3), all 22-8-1871.
Original Owner: Victorian Railways Department
Present Owner: State Transport Authority (Metrail)
Original Use: Station building
Present Use: Station building

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Construction Date: 1888

Architect: Victorian Railways

Builder: Parker and Vickers (Contract No. 3324)

Description: A substantial late Victorian Gothic styled station building with hipped slate roof, dominant chimney stacks, pointed window heads with stuccoed stringcourse linked with the window heads and having a continuous drip mould. A central lobby is marked by a parapetted gable end, with "oculus" vent with quarterfoil motif. To the north of the lobby, the booking office and station master's office are situated, whilst to the south, the general and ladies' waiting rooms form a balancing wing. Corrugated iron clad timber framed "pavilions" are situated at both ends, the southern wing accommodating the ladies' closets and the north wing a lamp room and porter's room.

Condition: Good. Maintenance required.

Integrity: Good

History: The branch railways to Fitzroy and Clifton Hill were both opened on 8-5-1888, the contract for this building being signed in that year. The down platform buildings at Clifton Hill have not been altered since that time, although a footbridge formerly situated at the north end of the platforms has been replaced by a subway.

Significance: Clifton Hill station building is the most intact example of a small group of Gothic styled station buildings erected during the chairmanship of the first Commissioner of Railways, Richard Speight, and recalls the lavish standards of station accommodation maintained during the years leading up to the 1890's depression. It compares with similar buildings on the Essendon and Coburg railway lines, and North Carlton and Maldon Station buildings and is of importance also as a point of entry to Clifton Hill. As such, it is a key building within the historic precincts covering Clifton Hill.

Recommendations: Recommended for planning scheme protection.
The corrugated iron clad pavilions are unique survivors and should be protected through negotiation with Metrail.

References: - National Trust File
- SLV: Madden Album: early view

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Platform Canopy

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Passenger Shelter

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Construction Date: post 1901

Architect: Victorian Railways Department

Builder:

Description: A six posted standard design timber free standing platform canopy with rafters brace, by curved angle iron brackets extending from each post to gutter lines. The canopy ends have timber valances and king post decoration.

Condition: Good

Integrity: Good. Finials removed.

History: This canopy is the last permanent railway structure erected at Clifton Hill Station (excluding subway) and does not appear on the MMBW 1901 map. It was formerly used in conjunction with the portable buildings on this platform which were burnt down in 1981.

Significance: The Clifton Hill Station verandah canopy is the last of 3 similar freestanding canopies known to have been built, the others existing formerly at Rushworth and Warburton. It forms an integral part of the station environment and a point of entry to Clifton Hill. It is an important early decorative timber railway structure and was associated with the opening of the Princes Bridge extension in 1901. In this respect it is the last remaining original building associated with this railway.

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