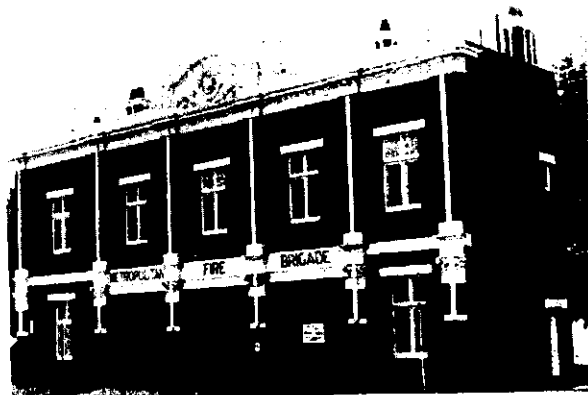


NAME: North Fitzroy Fire Station

ADDRESS: St. George's Road

CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1912
ARCHITECT: unknown
BUILDER: unknown
FIRST OWNER: Metropolitan Fire Brigade
PRESENT OWNER: Metropolitan Fire Brigade
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS: red brick, cement trims
CONSERVATION AREA: --



BUILDING CITATION:

This building, constructed in 1912¹ (possibly to the design of Cedric Ballantyne), is a brick composition in five bays relieved by rendered strips, string lines, Corinthianesque capitals, and a broken upper cornice and central baroque pediment. It replaced an earlier timber fire station built at this site in 1888 to the design of George Johnson.^{2,3} It is an important and intact example of a fire station of the period. It has survived the tendency to widen entrance doors with deep concrete lintels and modern doors. Although not of the scale of the earlier South Melbourne Station, it still provides an important streetscape element.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that this building be added to the Register of the National Estate and be specified under Clause 8 of the Town and Country Planning Act (Third Schedule).

1. Early photograph held at the State Library of Victoria. (See photo)
2. *Australian Builder and Contractors News* 14.7.1888. (Letting of tenders for original Station, G.R. Johnson, Architect.)
3. Early photograph of original timber Fire Station.



(21) Old Fitzroy North Fire Station c1880-91