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Dear Mr Cordwell

Geelong Railway Station, 1 Railway Terrace, Geelong

Victorian Heritage Register Number 1604

An assessment of the cultural heritage significance of the above item has now been completed.

Accordingly, I will be recommending that the Heritage Council amend the Heritage Register for the Geelong Railway Station, 1 Railway Terrace, Geelong. The basis for my recommendation is contained in the attached "Extent of Registration".

Notification of my intention to amend the Heritage Register for the Geelong Railway Station, 1 Railway Terrace, Geelong will be published in "The Herald-Sun" newspaper, in the Public Notice Section, on Monday 8 May 2000 to allow any interested parties the opportunity of forwarding submissions to the Heritage Council to assist in its determination.

A final decision will not be made by the Heritage Council until after 60 days from the date of the publication of my recommendation to enable you and any other interested parties to make submissions or lodge objections.

Written submissions relating to the recommended registration should be addressed to Alison Carey, Heritage Victoria by midday 6 July 2000.

You may also request a hearing before the Heritage Council to present your views personally, or to further discuss matters.

You are also obliged pursuant to Section 36(e) to give a copy of this letter and attached "Extent of Registration" to any purchaser before entering into a contract for the disposal of the proposed registered item, otherwise the contract of sale could be voidable.

Should you have any queries please contact Alison Carey, Registrations Co-ordinator on 9655 9730.

Yours sincerely,



Ray Tonkin
Executive Director

cc. National Trust of Australia (Vic)
Australian Heritage Commission
Greater Geelong City

VICTORIAN HERITAGE REGISTER



Inclusion of a place or object in the Heritage Register pursuant to Section 32 (c) of the Heritage Act 1995.

HERITAGE REGISTER NUMBER: H1604

NAME: GEELONG RAILWAY STATION

LOCATION: 1 RAILWAY TERRACE GEELONG

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Greater Geelong City

CATEGORY: Heritage place

DATE REGISTERED: 23 May 1998

FILE NO: 603569





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NAME: GEELONG RAILWAY STATION

EXTENT: DRAFT - NOT YET CONFIRMED BY HERITAGE COUNCIL
EARLY REGISTRATIONS PROJECT

1. All of the station buildings known as the Geelong Railway Station, including the station building, and its associated platforms (B1), bluestone steps with lamp frame and wrought iron palisade fence (B2), 'B' signal box (B3), 'A' signal box (B5), bluestone retaining wall (B6), as marked on plan 603569 held by the Executive Director.

2. All of the land surrounding the buildings marked L1 and L2 on plan 603569 held by the executive Director, being part of Crown Land vested in Victorian Rail Track.

PROVISIONAL PUBLISHED EXTENT NOT YET CONFIRMED BY THE HERITAGE COUNCIL

To the extent of all of the station buildings known as the Geelong Railway Station, including the station building, and its associated platforms, bluestone steps with lamp frame and wrought iron palisade fence, 'B' signal box, 'A' signal box, bluestone retaining wall: and land as defined by the Heritage Council.

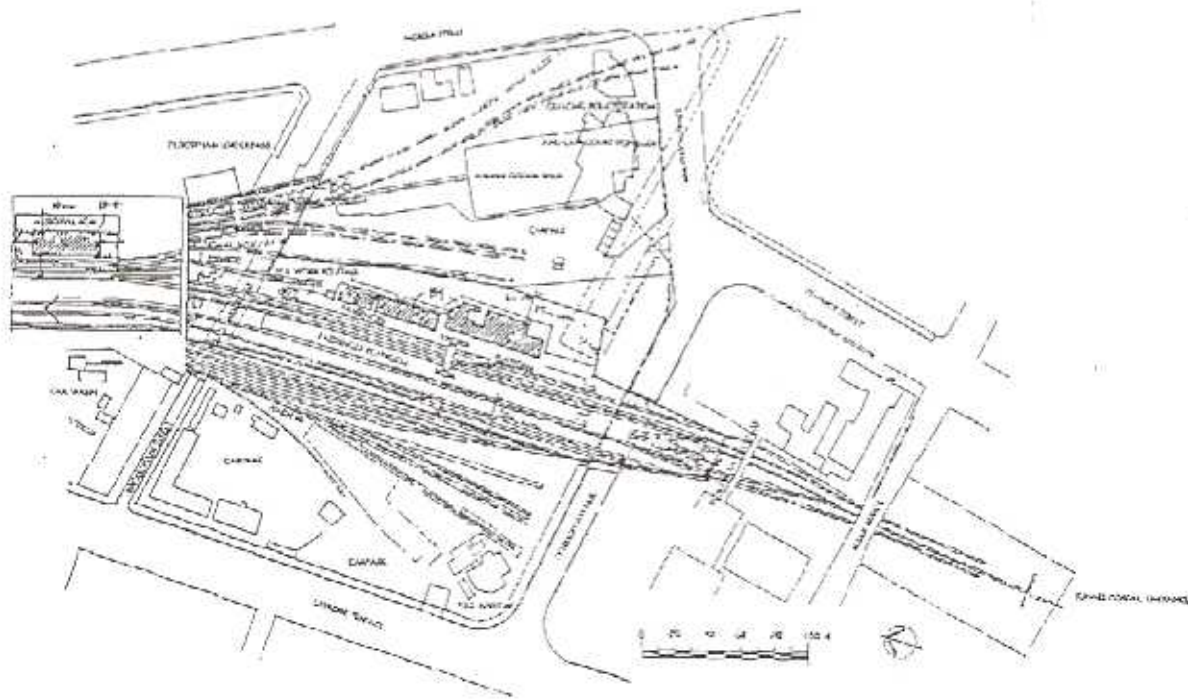


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STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:

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What is significant?

Geelong railway station was constructed in 1877 by Overend & Robb on the Melbourne-Geelong line for the Victorian Railways. It replaced the original station that was built in 1857. It comprises a large, predominantly two-storey, hip roofed, bi-chromatic brick complex with train hall. The central section of the station building with pavilions facing the roadway has been extended. It features cream bricks to the segmentally arched openings, corners, and cornice brackets and string courses. The twin gabled train hall spans two platforms (3 faces), and is carried on Gothic inspired cast iron columns with crocket capitals, cast iron brackets and light iron trusses with continuous ridge vents. Other important structures include three timber signal boxes, the Roy Street pedestrian subway, a bluestone retaining wall, the Brougham Street road underpass with bluestone steps and the original wrought iron palisade fence and lamp bracket.

How is it significant?

The Geelong railway station is historically and architecturally significant to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

Geelong railway station is historically significant as the largest of those stations having their stylistic origins in the bi-chromatic brick buildings of the early 'light lines' era, c.1869 - c.1884. The size of the complex is symbolic of the importance of Geelong as a major city and port. The layout of the platforms recalls the former passenger services to Queenscliff, which originated at this point. The bluestone retaining wall with wrought iron railings is the earliest remaining reference to the now closed wharf railway, relating to early vision of Geelong as a major Victorian seacoast port.

Geelong railway station is architecturally significant in that the train hall is the largest on the network and is unique, especially for the use of Gothic and classical detailing. Other elements which contribute to the architectural significance of the complex and the line, include the bluestone steps with former lamp frame and wrought iron palisade fence, the up and down end signal boxes and tunnel portal. (Beeston, 1995)

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PERMIT EXEMPTIONS POLICY:

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The purpose of the permit exemptions is to allow works that do not impact on the significance of the place to occur without the need for a permit. The Geelong Railway Station is important for its individual buildings as well as its precinct values. The exterior of the buildings are of prime importance. The interior is important if original fittings and fixtures still survive. Track works and maintenance to the buildings are able to be undertaken without a permit.

EXEMPTIONS FROM PERMITS:

(Classes of works or activities which may be undertaken without a permit under Part 4 of the Heritage Act 1995)

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General Conditions

1. All alterations are to be planned and carried out in a manner that prevents damage to the fabric of the registered place or object.
2. Should it become apparent during further inspection or the carrying out of alterations that original or previously hidden or inaccessible details of the place or object are revealed which relate to the significance of the place or object, then the exemption covering such alteration shall cease and the Executive Director shall be notified as soon as possible.
3. If there is a conservation policy and plan approved by the Executive Director, all works shall be in accordance with it.
4. Nothing in this declaration prevents the Executive Director from amending or rescinding all or any of the permit exemptions.
5. Nothing in this declaration exempts the owners or their agents from the responsibility to seek relevant planning or building permits from the responsible authority where applicable.

- * All basic refurbishment works including repairs to buildings and structures, where works are documented and administered by a recognised conservation consultant.
- * Installation of perimeter fencing.
- * Installation of new signalling systems and modifications to existing signalling systems.
- * Modification and replacement of tracks to the extent of the rails, sleepers and ballast.
- * Installation of new landscaping features but excluding earthworks where more than 1m³ of ground is to be altered.

Station Buildings

Exterior

- * Replacement of decayed fabric with fabric that matches the original design and profile.
- * Installation of new but not removal of existing original significant signage.
- * Installation of temporary protective hoardings, screens and the like for the protection against intrusion of vandals and the like provided that no damage is sustained to significant fabric.
- * Installation of new damp proofing and making good to match existing, adjacent surfaces.

Interior

- * Interior painting but not stripping of existing paint scheme.
- * Installation of new but not removal of existing original significant carpets/flexible floor coverings.
- * Installation of new but not removal of existing original significant fixtures and fittings, including clocks, soft furnishings including curtain tracks, rods, blinds and other window dressings, and the like.
- * Installation of new but not the removal of existing original significant signage.



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- * Installation of new partitions provided that no damage is sustained to significant fabric.
- * Replacement of non-original kitchen and toilet fixtures provided that no damage is sustained to significant fabric.
- * Installation of insulation to ceiling spaces.
- * Installation of hooks, nails and other devices for the hanging of paintings, mirrors and other wall mounted works of art.

From: Brian Benson
To: Nicole Porter, Statutory Planners CoGG
Date: 5/9/00 6:53pm
Subject: Geelong Railway Station

Hi folks,

Terry has asked me to put you dear folks in the picture.

A letter was received from Heritage Victoria stating that an assessment of the current heritage significance of the Geelong Railway Station has now been completed. But the place is already on the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) as No. H1604! What's going on?

Well, it is like this.

The Geelong Railway Station was originally on the Government Building's Register (GBR) and this Register was phased out over two years when the current Heritage Act 1995 was enacted in May 1995. Some of the places on the GBR were assessed within the 2 year time frame, with some transferred to the VHR and others recommended for Local Planning Scheme protection. At the end of the 2 years, in May 1997, the remaining places on the GBR, which were not assessed, were automatically transferred to the VHR. Consequently these buildings that were transferred were not assessed as to whether they should remain on the VHR, nor did they have a proper Statement of Significance or Extent of Designation (ie. what, how and why it is significant, and how much land is included on the VHR).

The proposed amendment to the VHR, with the upgraded Statement of Significance and Extent of Designation, is advertised for interested parties to make submissions or lodge objections. The Heritage Council, after 60 days, allowing time for submissions, makes a final decision. It can accept the recommendation of the Executive Director, Heritage Victoria, amend the recommendation, or recommend Local Planning Scheme protection.

The recommendation of the ED HV to place the Geelong Railway Station on the VHR, with upgraded Statement of Significance and Extent of Designation, was advertised yesterday, 08 May 2000. A final decision will be made 60 to 90 days from here.

So there you have it.

Brian.

For those who wish to browse through the Victorian Heritage Register On-line, try www.heritage.vic.gov.au Look up the current status of the Geelong Railway Station. Type in h1604 in the VHR dialog box (or name of place and/or address etc). I haven't had a look, but it may not have a Statement of Significance, or if it does, it may be inadequate. Have fun.