

<b>Site:</b>	West Richmond Station	<b>Significance:</b>	C
<b>Address:</b>	Muir Street, Richmond	<b>Map Ref:</b>	2G H4
<b>Access:</b>	Unrestricted	<b>Survey Date:</b>	6/4/98



<b>Intactness:</b>	<b>Condition:</b>
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<b>Existing Heritage Listings:</b>		<b>Recommended Heritage Listings:</b>	
Victorian Heritage Register	<input type="checkbox"/>	Victorian Heritage Register	<input type="checkbox"/>
Register of the National Estate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Register of the National Estate	<input type="checkbox"/>
Planning Scheme	<input type="checkbox"/>	HO Controls	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
National Trust	<input type="checkbox"/>		

### **Description**

The West Richmond station site has mature plantings associated with the early history of the site.

### **Remnant Fabric (Man Made)**

Typical of Victorian Railway Stations.

### **Remnant Fabric (Vegetation)**

The site contains a number of plantings indicative of Victorian Railway stations from the turn of the century, namely Pepper Trees (*Schinus molle* var. *areira*) located on an embankment on the eastern side of the platform. To the south of the station building is a Canary Island Date Palm (*Phoenix canariensis*), also located on the embankment. A Sweet Pittosporum (*Pittosporum undulatum*) screen is located along the eastern Highett Street frontage, which appears to be an overgrown hedge. These plants are interspersed with a variety of more recent native plantings.

### **Potential Threats**

Removal of original plantings in favour of native species. Crowding out of original plantings by vigorous under plantings. Failure to replace senescent specimens with the same species, eroding the heritage character of the place.

### **Management Steps:**

Preparation of a vegetation management plan that should outline measures for the maintenance of the trees on the site. It should include guidelines for the replacement of senescent specimens and introduction of new material that is appropriate to the heritage character of the site.

### **Statement of Significance:**

West Richmond station is of local interest for the vegetation extant from the early history of the site. It contributes greatly to the heritage character of the area, and is representative of a ubiquitous planting style implemented at railway stations throughout Victoria during the late 19th /early 20th century, remnants of which can be seen throughout the state.