

HERITAGE CITATION REPORT

Name Pascoe Vale South Post Office
Address 366-388 Bell Street Pascoe Vale South
Significance Level 2004 Local
Place Type Post Office



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Recommended **VHR - HI - PS -**
Heritage Protection

Integrity

Minor Modifications

History and Historical Context

The current Pascoe Vale South Post Office was erected in c.1956.

The original Pascoe Vale South Post Office operated from c.1936 to 1950 by William Burmeister from his store at 331 (originally 327) Bell Street. In 1949 the Commonwealth Government purchased land on the corner of Bell and Lansdowne Streets. In 1952 a temporary fibro cement building was erected on the site (then 388 Bell Street) to aid in the operation of a delivery Post Office for the postal district W7 (now 3044, which also includes W8). It was intended to also establish delivery post offices for N14 (North Coburg) and W8 (Pascoe Vale), however this did not eventuate.

The current brick post office was erected to replace the fibro-cement building in c.1956. The Coburg Council objected to the design, a low gable end facing the street and the main strip shopping centre, however this design was built.

At the end of 2000, post office delivery was shifted to the Preston Mail Centre and the interior of the Post Office was opened up to accommodate a newsagency, which retained a post office service in one corner of the building.

Sources:

- Coburg Rate Records 1938-86
- Murray Gavin
- Sands & McDougall Directory 1935-74

History prepared from research compiled by Laurie and Pat Burchell, 2004.

Description

Physical Description

The late 1950s Pascoe Vale South Post Office, at 388 Bell Street Pascoe Vale South, is an understated low dark brick single storey building with a low pitched gabled roof in a style sometimes known as Melbourne Regional. The south façade presents the gable end to Bell Street and features a wall of glazing, with regularly spaced timber mullions, into the gable end and to two-thirds of the elevation. The remaining third, the south-west corner, is constructed from brick. The lower part of the window, under the gable line, has been painted with advertising. The west elevation, to Lansdowne Street, has a number of rhythmically articulated brick piers with pebble-crete walls and (steel-framed?) windows in the walls between. The words PASCOE VALE SOUTH POST OFFICE are spelt out in white typically 1950s simple stylised capitals on the front (south) façade.

Physical Condition

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Good

Statement of Significance

What is significant?

The Pascoe Vale South Post Office at 388 Bell Street, Pascoe Vale South.

How is it significant?

The Pascoe Vale South Post Office at 388 Bell Street, Pascoe Vale South is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Moreland.

Why is it significant?

Of historic significance, for its ability to aid in the demonstration of the development of Pascoe Vale South, and the increased need to provide such services to the local community. (AHC Criterion A.4)

Of aesthetic significance, as a good example of late 1950s civic architecture in an area where few such examples exist. (AHC Criterion E.1)

Recommendations 2004

External Paint Controls

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Internal Alteration Controls

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Tree Controls

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Fences & Outbuildings

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Prohibited Uses May Be Permitted

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Incorporated Plan

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Aboriginal Heritage Place

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Other Recommendations

City of Coburg Heritage Conservation & Streetscape Study 1991: Add to HO - individual

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