

WINDSOR POST OFFICE
172 Peel Street, Prahran, 3181



Recommendations It is recommended that this building be added to the Register of Historic Buildings, Register of the National Estate and be protected using the provisions of Clause 8 of the Town and Country Planning Act (Third Schedule).

History and Description The two-storey post and telegraph office in Peel Street was erected in 1907-8 to the design of Public Works Department architect H.J. MacKenna by the contractor Donald A. Swanson. The resulting red brick building is highly unusual in form with a protruding polygonal section and an arched entrance in the receding section. Sections of exposed eaves alternate with parapetted sections and courses of stonework contrast with alternate sections of red brickwork. The arched entrance is emphasised and framed by pilasters and an entablature over which includes a decorative festoon. Elaborate stained glasswork is a feature of the otherwise plain rectangular window openings.

Significance This post office building is distinctive in form and its contrasting use of brickwork and rough faced stone string courses and mullions is unusual. The examples of stained glasswork are worthy of particular note as intact examples in post offices are now rare.

Intactness This building is substantially intact.

References
Drawings held by Australian Archives.