

SOUTH YARRA RAILWAY STATION  
Toorak Road, South Yarra



Recommendations It is recommended that this building be retained on the Register of Government Buildings, added to the 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 original South Yarra Railway Station was erected by 1874 and the lobby is now utilized as the premises of a dry cleaning service in Toorak Road. This dark brick building features pedimented gables, a slate roof and red voussoirs above openings. The station was originally erected without a platform verandah but one had been provided by the time the present station buildings were begun in 1915-1916. At this stage the verandah was removed, a ramp constructed along the original building, and a parapetted facade erected in Toorak Road.

Significance The original station building is important as it dates back to the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay United Railway Company. It stands relatively intact although now surrounded by later buildings. The later Edwardian section is distinguished by the use of glazed tiles and curved parapet details.

Intactness The original South Yarra Railway Station lobby remains intact although signs and a new entrance have been added to the Toorak Road facade.

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