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MALVERN RAILWAY STATION STATION STREET MALVERN

VHR Number File Number Year Construction Started Year Construction Completed Municipality Architect/Designer Architectural Style Additional Information

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Stonnington City Hardy, James W Federation/Edwardian Period (1902-c.1918) Free Classical Comparisons: Malvern Railway Station is identified in Andrew Ward's Railway Station Study as follows:

Identified as belonging to the Malvern Group of Railway Stations along with;

Armadale 25/7/04 important Stonnington Camberwell 11/9/18 important Boroondara Hawksburn 27/5/14 very important Stonnington Malvern - 1914 very important Stonnington Toorak 1913 important Stonnington

Other very important stations on the same line are;

South Yarra, Special designs 1850s -79, 1874 Caulfield, Essendon Group, 1914 Clayton, Ringwood, Ringwood Style, 1886-1891, Clayton 29/8/91

Malvern Railway Complex is the most representative and intact of the two storey with footbridge group of railway stations. Hawksburn station is the other good example, which is not on the register. The curtain wall on the upside platform is unusual and demonstrates the efforts made to carry through an architectural style on all platforms. -37.86779, 145.02809

Spatial Information

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Item Categories **Item Group**

Transport - Rail

Item Category Railway Platform/ Station

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Statement of Significance

What is significant?

In 1878, after the government had acquired Melbourne and Hobson's Bay United Railway Company, the decision was made to extend the **railway** line from South Yarra through **Malvern**, Caulfield and to Oakleigh, connecting the suburban network with the government's country service into Gippsland. It is thought that around this time the first station buildings at Malvern were constructed. When the siding was cut for the **railway** line, the earlier **station** at **Malvern** was demolished. The present **station**, designed in 1912-13 by James W. Hardy, the chief architect for the Department of Way and Works, was completed in 1914 following the re-grading of the existing **railway** line between Caulfield and South Yarra Stations. **Malvern Station** is one of a group of stations designed by Hardy prior to and during the First World War. The **station** consists of an island platform with elevated booking office linked to the side platforms by an overhead footbridge. A second booking office is located on the north-west platform and a red brick parapet wall is on the east platform. The buildings are constructed of red brick with cement banding, and stucco walls to the upper storey of the centre platform building. The Edwardian architecture features a tiled hip roof with terracotta finials, tall chimneys with terracotta pots and arched entries with render voussoirs. The platforms have cantilevered verandahs clad in corrugated iron and faced with a ripple iron valance.

How is it significant?

Malvern Railway Station Complex is of aesthetic, architectural, social and historical significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

Malvern Railway Station Complex is of aesthetic and architectural significance as the most intact and representative example of the two storey station designs constructed in the metropolitan area after the turn of the century. The other examples which are almost identical in design are at Armadale, Camberwell, Hawksburn, Malvern and Toorak. Malvern Railway station demonstrates many details characteristic of this group of stations, including the two storey central building, curtain wall and verandah on platform four,

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red brick construction with render banding, cantilever verandahs, ornately shaped parapets and arched openings with render voussoirs. **Malvern Railway** Complex is important as an intact example of the work of architect J.W. Hardy, chief architect for the Department of Way and Works, between 1908 and 1918.

Malvern Railway Station Complex is of social and historical importance for its potential to yield information on the changing nature of railways, locomotive technology and public transport use in Victoria. The **station** is important for its association with the rebuilding of a group of **railway** stations as a result of the need to increase the number of lines, combined with the introduction of the electric tram. **Malvern Railway Station** is one of several similar designs built in the metropolitan area to coincide with the electrification programme, which was delayed until the end of World War 1. The line through **Malvern** was electrified in 1922. The **Malvern Railway** Complex demonstrates the expansion of Melbourne and the settling in the suburbs, in particular the establishment of **Malvern** as a major metropolitan centre.

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