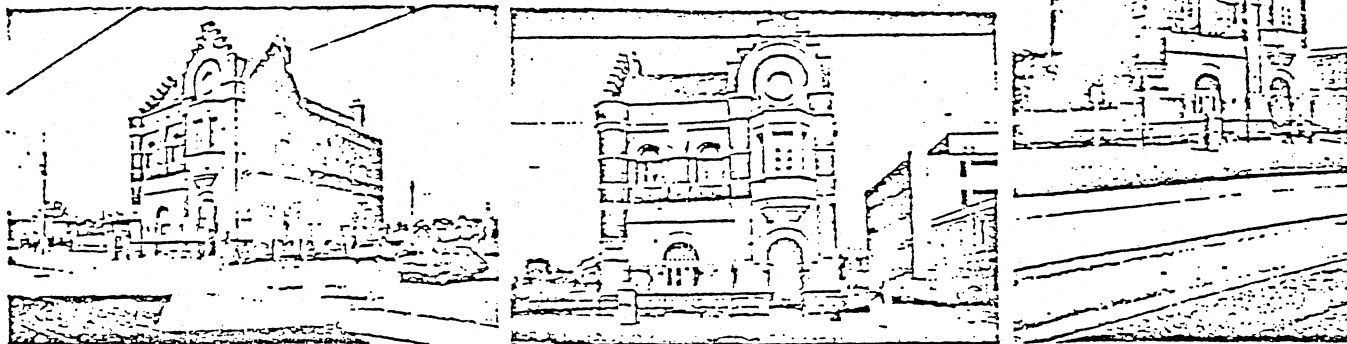


162 Toorak Road
 South Yarra, Vic. 3141.



BUILDING CITATION

On a restricted and precipitous site adjacent the railway cutting at 162 Toorak Road stands the former South Yarra Post Office. Design in 1890 by P.W.D. Architect, A.J. MacDonald and erected in 1892-3, the three-storey red brick structure combines basic American Romanesque characteristics with Scottish baronial forms and art nouveau and Australian decorative motifs in an asymmetrical picturesque composition.

The former South Yarra Post Office is unique in the history of Australian Architecture and one of a rare group of buildings which, whilst reflecting the influence of the American romanesque, epitomises the late 19th century movement to evolve an Australian style in architecture. The post office is an outstanding, innovative work of A.J. MacDonald and one of the most important and influential designs to come from the P.W.D. in the 1890's.

South Yarra Post Office is largely intact although presently (1979) vacant. The interior of the public room has been stripped of the original fittings in preparation for the planned conversion to a restaurant.

Of National significance.

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