

Victorian War Heritage Database Place Details - 16/9/2025

Mt Dandenong Observatory



Location:

26 Observatory Road, Mt Dandenong VIC 3767 - Property No 21216

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number:

Listing Authority: HI

Description:

The Mt Dandenong Observatory comprises a complex of features, designed around the Sky High restaurant, and based on concentric and overlapping circles. At the centre, the Sky High building is the focal point. It is a circular stone clad structure with a flat roof and dramatic portico. Large picture windows allow views to Melbourne. It is a strong built element, using a simple form that is then repeated and reflected in the surrounding external landscaping.

There are extensive external viewing areas on the west side of the building, each a semi-circular concrete platform enclosed by a steel balustrade. To the west and east are extensive car parks, the most popular being that on the west side where both day and night viewing of Melbourne occurs.

These built elements are enclosed within an exotic and native garden, some sections of which include plants with strong architectural forms.

Good

Evidence of stages