Victorian Heritage Database Report
MMTB SUBSTATION

Location:
196A DAWSON STREET,, BRUNSWICK WEST VIC 3055 - Property No 5757

Heritage Status / Level of Significance:
Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Number: HO64
Listing Authority: Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance:
The substation at 196A Dawson Street, Brunswick, is of local historical and architectural Significance. Its construction in 1925-26 marked the establishment of the electric tram route through Brunswick West, which in turn spurred residential development in that area. Architecturally, the small building is a considered composition in brick, appropriate to its function.

Description

The substation at 196A Dawson Street, Brunswick West is a simple structure of face red brick in English bond. The facade to Dawson Street has a protruding central section and a stepped parapet with brick streamlining at the uppermost corners, unpainted rendered coping and a centrally-placed Moderne motif. Beneath this is a trio of cream brick bosses. The substation has a central doorway with tapestry brickwork and rendered dressings. Security screens cover four-paned steel-framed slot windows on either wide of the entrance, and the central opening is screened with steel and wire gates.

Key Architectural Elements: simple symmetrical composition
face brick walls with tapestry brick and render decoration
prominent corner site

Principal Historic Themes: moving goods and peoplepublic transport system

Heritage Study / Consultant	Moreland - Keeping Brunswick's heritage: A Report on the Review of the Brunswick Conservation Study, Context Pty Ltd , 1990; Moreland - City of Moreland Heritage Review, Allen Lovell and Associates, 1999

Construction Date Range	1925 - 1926
Architect / Designer	
Municipality	MERRI-BEK CITY
Other names	
Hermes number	59023
Property number	5757

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