

<b>Building:</b>	Shops	<b>Significance:</b>	B
<b>Address:</b>	566-572 Station Street, Box Hill	<b>Melway May Ref:</b>	47 D10
<b>Building Type:</b>	Shops	<b>Construction Date:</b>	1907
<b>Architect:</b>	Unknown	<b>Builder:</b>	Unknown



<b>Intactness:</b>		<b>Condition:</b>	
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<b>Existing Heritage Listings:</b>		<b>Recommended Heritage Listings:</b>	
Victorian Heritage Register	[ ]	Victorian Heritage Register	[ ]
Register of the National Estate	[ ]	Register of the National Estate	[x]
National Trust	[ ]	Heritage Overlay Controls	[x]

## **History**

In 1907 Thomas Cook owned Lots 8 and 9 on the east side of Station Street, between Rutland Road and Ellingworth Parade. At the same time John Ellingworth owned the adjacent Lots 10, 11 and 12. In 1907 Cook purchased Lot 10 from Ellingworth, and on Lots 9 and 10 built four brick shops with residences above. In 1909, the shops were leased to Mrs Hunt, a confectioner, James Horneman, a butcher, Emily Bisgood, and William Battern, a bootmaker. Cook remained owner until at least 1917, at which time the buildings were described as "brick with seven rooms".<sup>1</sup>

Thomas Cook's own residence was the large polychromatic brick house at 30-32 Watts Street, Box Hill, built in 1889.

## **Description**

The double-storey building at 566-572 Station Street is a group of four brick shops with residences above. Although constructed in 1907, the building is broadly Italianate in style. The first floor facades are of red tuckpointed brickwork with unpainted rendered dressings. Each residence has a pair of semi-circular arched head windows with rendered moulds and connected by a string course at impost level. The roof is concealed behind a simple parapet with a small central pediment, and which originally had urns surmounting the party walls, of which two remain. A single central doorway apparently provides access to the first floor.

The shopfronts have all been completely altered, and the original verandah has been replaced by a cantilevered verandah.

## **Comparative Examples**

Shops, 93-97 Railway Road, Blackburn

## **Significance**

The retail building at 566-572 Station Street is of historical and aesthetic significance. Although constructed in 1907, its detailing is predominantly Italianate and more typical of the late nineteenth century. In Box Hill it is unusual as one of a very small number of substantially intact block of shops of Italianate appearance in the municipality, and is an important element in the largely Edwardian Station Street streetscape.

## **Source**

Andrew C Ward & Associates. *City of Box Hill Heritage and Conservation Study*. 1990.

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1 Rate Books 1907-07, 1907-08, 1909-10, 1916-17.