

Statement of Significance: Kings Arcade, 974-978 High Street; & 2-10 Kings Arcade, Armadale (March 2022)

Heritage Place: Kings Arcade, Armadale

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(Source: Extent Heritage Pty Ltd, 2021)

What is significant?

The property at 974-978 High Street; & 2-10 Kings Arcade, Armadale (otherwise known as Kings Arcade) is significant. Specifically, the façade, awning, shopfront joinery and arcade layout, lamp brackets and trusses are significant. Later alterations and additions to the building are not significant.

How is it significant?

Kings Arcade is of local historical and aesthetic significance to the City of Stonnington.

Why is it significant?

Kings Arcade is historically significant as a commercial premises illustrating the late 19th century development of retailing nodes around railway stations. The arcade was strategically sited to lead from the commercial area of High Street to Armadale Railway Station. (Criterion A)
Kings Arcade has aesthetic significance as an intact and high-quality Victorian era shopfront with Queen Anne influences. The building adds important heritage character to the commercial strip along High Street in Armadale. Notable elements include the façade treatment in brick, tile and cement render mouldings, gable parapets, terracotta lions, brick profiled chimneys as well as the intact shopfront joinery and arcade entry on the ground level. (Criterion E)

Primary source

974-978 High Street, Armadale, Citation Report, Extent Heritage Pty Ltd, September 2021.