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Location

176 Alexandra Parade CLIFTON HILL, YARRA CITY (aka 457 Hoddle Street)

Municipality

YARRA CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO89

Heritage Listing

Yarra City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 1, 2008

The following wording is from the Allom and Lovell Building Citation, 1998 for the property. Please note that this is a "Building Citation", not a "Statement of Significance". For further information refer to the Building Citation held by the City of Yarra.

History:

In 1896, Hamilton Fitts, wool merchant, owned and operated a wool works on this site. By 1898, William Murray & Co. were occupying the site. The Rate Books record an addition valued at ?200 in 1917; there was also a major increase in value of the works in 1918. In 1921, the value decreased from ?350 to ?250. William Murray & Co. continued to occupy the building until at least the 1950s.

Description:

The former William Murray & Co. Wool works is a large double storey red brick building on a prominent site at the corner of Hoddle Street and Alexandra Parade. The main (east) elevation, to Hoddle Street, comprises to longitudinally gabled pavilions with a transverse gabled connecting section between. The north pavilion is divided into three bays, defined by shallow brick piers. The central bay has double entrance doors beneath an unpainted rendered panel bearing the words WOOL WORKS; above this is a window. The gable-end has a segmental arched apex; the rendered central panel bears the words WILLIAM MURRAY & CO. The four piers terminate in rendered caps. The south pavilion is similarly treated, with the same signage, but no door. The entire facade is punctuated by banks of steel-framed hopper sash windows with prominent rendered concrete lintels. The roofs are clad in corrugated iron. To the west of the site is a squat, round, red brick chimney, the top of which has been altered.

Significance:

The former William Murray & Co. Wool works, on the corner of Hoddle Street and Alexandra Parade, is of local architectural significance. The complex is a large and substantially intact early 20th century industrial building whose location was related to the Reilly Street drain. The building remains an important heritage element in both the and Hoddle Street Alexandra Parade streetscapes.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Yarra - City of Collingwood Conservation Study, Andrew Ward & Associates, 1989; Yarra - City of Collingwood Conservation Study, Andrew Ward & Associates, 1995; Yarra - City of Yarra Heritage Review, Allom Lovell & Associates, 1998; Yarra - City of Yarra Review of Heritage Overlay Areas, Graeme Butler & Associates, 2007;
Construction dates	1918,
Hermes Number	103408
Property Number	

Physical Description 2

Known as 457 HODDLE ST in Allom Lovell 1998

Physical Description 1

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Integrity

not assessed

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>