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## 6 Park Avenue



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RICHMOND PARK AVENUE  
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### Location

6 PARK AVENUE RICHMOND, YARRA CITY

### Municipality

YARRA CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO437

### Heritage Listing

Yarra City

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### Statement of Significance

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#### What is significant?

The property at 6 Park Avenue, Richmond, was built in 1911 as a modest single storey weatherboard Federation house, the frontage of which was later modified to a bungalow form. Original Federation elements include the side entry porch and its detailing. The original hipped roof form to the front was replaced by a half-timbered gable, and the original five-light bay window which extended up into a small gable, was also replaced by a six-light square bay capped with a 'flat' roof.

## How is it significant?

The property at 6 Park Avenue, Richmond, is of local historical significance.

## Why is it significant?

The property at 6 Park Avenue, Richmond, is of local historical significance. It was built in 1911 in a desirable location opposite Richmond Park, in the eastern area of Richmond near the Yarra River which was not developed until the later nineteenth century, unlike areas in the north and west of the suburb. Park Avenue itself did not appear on maps until 1888, with the earliest buildings on the street dating from c. 1890. The property is also significant for its association with James Scullin and his family, who resided there in the 1920s and 1930s, including during his term as Prime Minister from 1929 to 1932. Scullin became Labor leader in April 1928, while living at this address, and then Prime Minister in 1929 at the onset of the Great Depression. He and his wife Sarah opted to remain in their Park Avenue house instead of living in the Lodge in Canberra, and also used the dwelling for Labor Party and parliamentary functions.

## Theme

### 6. Building towns cities and the garden state

Heritage Study/Consultant	Yarra - Heritage Gap Study, Graeme Butler & Associates, 2007; Yarra - City of Yarra Heritage Gaps Study 2012 (Heritage Gaps Amendment two), Lovell Chen, 2012;
Hermes Number	173605
Property Number	

## Integrity

The building at 6 Park Avenue, Richmond, is a single storey weatherboard Federation house which dates from c.1911, with later modifications. The east facade comprises a brick divider-wall on its north side and a side entry porch with a half-turned fretwork supporting column, and a fretworked Art Nouveau-patterned timber valance incorporating curving brackets and short newels. Inside the porch is a floor-to ceiling height double-hung sash window, which appears long standing but may date from the later frontal modification. This occurred sometime in the period 1915-1930, when the original hipped roof over the front portion was replaced by a gable with lightly detailed half-timbering. The original five-light bay window, which extended up into a small gable, was also replaced by a six-light square bay capped with what was known as a 'flat' (roof) supported on a weatherboard apron sill. A frieze under the front eaves was also removed. The front section was essentially converted into a 'bungalow' form, in materials expression and detailing, although the original side porch was retained. The windows in the modified bay are characteristic of the geometric leadlighting that marked windows in the middle and later 1920s. The chimneys with their terracotta pots appear in the earlier photograph of the house when it was in full Federation mode. The hip to the rear of the houses appears basically as when the house was first built.

## Intactness

Fair

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