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# RUSSELL BROS. TANNERY (FORMER)



RICHMOND ROONEY  
STREET 26.jpg

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## Location

28-34 ROONEY STREET and 20-24 ROSE STREET RICHMOND, YARRA CITY

## Municipality

YARRA CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO401

## Heritage Listing

Yarra City

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The former Russell Bros. tannery at 28-34 Rooney Street and 20-24 Rose Street, Richmond is significant. Built in 1906, it is a three-storey factory building of red brick with a gabled roof. Its main architectural feature is a parapeted gable to Rooney Street with corbelling to the ends. Broad, flat brick stringcourses divide off each storey on the facade and minor elevations. The building has recently been converted to flats.

Non-original alterations and additions including the modern entries, stairwell-windows and balconies, added during the conversion to flats, are not significant.

### **How is it significant?**

The former Russell Bros. tannery at 28-34 Rooney Street and 20-24 Rose Street, Richmond, is historically and architecturally significant to Richmond and the City of Yarra.

### **Why is it significant?**

The former Russell Bros. tannery is historically and architecturally significant:

. as a tangible reminder of a key period in Richmond's industrial history during the early twentieth century and in particular of tanneries, which were an important nineteenth century industry. (Criterion A)

. as a well-preserved example of the building type, a type which is particularly evocative of this part of Richmond where fellmongering has been carried out since the 1860s. (Criterion D)

Heritage Study/Consultant Yarra - Heritage Gap Study, Graeme Butler & Associates, 2007;

Construction dates 1900,

Hermes Number 175972

Property Number

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## **Physical Description 1**

The former Russell Bros. tannery at 28-34 Rooney Street and 20-24 Rose Street, Richmond, is a prominent, three-storey corner factory building of red brick with a gabled roof. Its main architectural feature is a parapeted gable to Rooney Street with corbelling to the ends. Broad, flat brick stringcourses divide off each storey on the facade and minor elevations.

Ground floor windows have unpainted bluestone sills and segmentally arched lintels, while those to the upper levels have simple brick sills and brick flat arches as lintels. The windows at ground and first floor are two-over-two double-hung sashes, which retain heavy iron bars at the ground floor. The second-storey windows are fixed four-pane sashes to the facade (Rooney Street) and six-over-one hoppers elsewhere.

The building has recently been converted to flats. The facade and eastern half of the Rose Street elevation have been left untouched, while clearly modern entries, stairwell-windows and balconies have been added elsewhere. The most extensive changes have been made to the south elevation, which faces the internal car park.

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