
EASTHILL HOUSE

Location

71-73 VICTORIA PARADE, FITZROY VIC 3065

Municipality

YARRA CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-2405

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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This site potentially preserves archaeological deposits and features that relate to the historic occupation of the allotments on the corner of Victoria Parade and Brunswick Street from at least the late-1840s. The 19th Century occupation involved several building phases predating the construction of the current buildings. These building phases include early timber structures and later brick or masonry terraces. The terraces include a series of yards, verandas and cess pits that are likely to retain an archaeological representation. Cesspits are known to retain significant artefacts that record the material culture of the allotment's occupants. The site includes open areas between and to the rear of buildings currently used as parking and delivery where the impact of more modern building phases is likely to be lessened and insufficient to have destroyed all archaeological evidence of the previous and earlier phases.

Interpretation of Site

Easthill House is a historic masonry and brick building. The Victoria Parade frontage consists of a large facade that extends across the entire address and fronts a large 3 storey building. The rear of the building consists of two adjacent brick extensions separated by a small courtyard with an opening to the rear car park. The western extension retains at least one basement (cellar) visible as a bricked arch at the base of the eastern wall and with an access point from beneath the stairwell of the main building. At the back of the extensions the rear wall doorways have been bricked in and suggests that they originally extended further, probably to accommodate kitchens or laundries. Archaeological Potential The Easthill House basements(?) are likely to have removed any archaeological evidence of former structures where these basements(?) have been dug. However for the balance, given its age and fabric, the construction of this building is unlikely to have destroyed all signs of former historic buildings or other activity beneath its footprint.

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History

The area was developed by the mid-nineteenth century, with buildings evident on plans of the 1850s. These early buildings were demolished and replaced during the late nineteenth century with more substantial buildings, which were in turn altered or replaced during the twentieth century.

Easthill House, 71-73 Victoria Parade:

- Easthill House incorporated two c 1880s terraces.
- These terraces appear to have been built on the site of earlier timber buildings
- The site of the timber buildings appears to have incorporated a substantial masonry building to the rear, visible in an 1860s photograph
- It is possible that the rear of the Easthill House may contain some evidence of this building, depending on the extent of disturbance during the construction of the terraces and Easthill House

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