

S.G. TOMKINS DAIRY & RESIDENCE (FORMER)



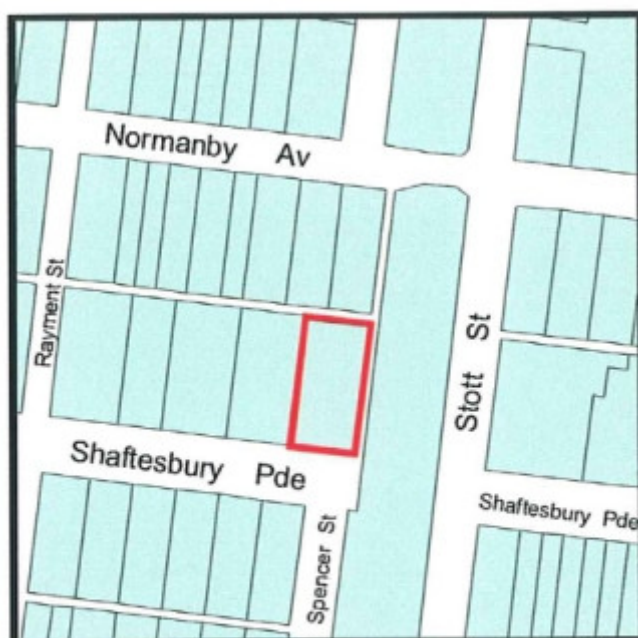
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Location

40 Shaftesbury Parade THORNBURY, Darebin City

Municipality

DAREBIN CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO152

Heritage Listing

Darebin City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The former S.G. Tomkins Pty. Ltd. Dairy buildings and associated residence were built in 1924 whilst the dairy was substantially rebuilt probably immediately prior to the Second World War. The house is situated at 40 Shaftesbury Street, Thornbury and the dairy is at the rear facing the lane on the east side of the house overlooking the railway.

How is it significant?

The former S.G. Tomkins Pty. Ltd. Dairy buildings and associated residence are historically significant to Darebin City.

Why is it significant?

It is historically significant (Criterion A) as a rare surviving and surprisingly large local dairy built over a period and retaining presumed evidence of the use of horses to make deliveries. The east facing Streamlined Moderne building is expressive of the commercial success of the company enjoyed over the years and is a fashionable architectural statement for its time. The house contributes to the cultural values of the place along with the rear two storeyed building which, together with the dairy itself, exhibit the principal characteristics of local suburban dairies which were once common place throughout the metropolis.

Hermes Number 24215

Property Number

Physical Description 1

A complex of buildings including: - a substantial Californian Bungalow in black tuck pointed red body bricks with Swiss chalet gable end to the porch and main transverse gable roof The porch piers are tapered and rough cast on brick bases and there is a curved window bay to one side. The windows have lead light work to the upper sashes, half timbering and creosoted shingles to the main gable end and a curved and pierced rough cast balustrade to the porch which has a terrazzo floor and is approached along a terrazzo garden path from the front gate.

- A garage attached to the east side of the house has been incorporated in the design of the rear dairy which has its principal elevation facing a pitched lane running parallel with the railway. The facade of the dairy is in the Streamlined Moderne mode and clearly post dates the other buildings. The facade finish is in tinted cement and tapestry brick with emphasis being given to the horizontal by means of projecting and recessed bands and flutes which contrast with a vertical fin motif alongside the entry incorporating a waterfall treatment in conjunction with three small windows. The interior of the dairy which is extensive has not been inspected.

- a part two storeyed gable roofed red brick building is located on a rear pitched lane and has the name "Tomkins Dairy" painted on a cement panel facing the railway. It has steel framed windows, cement faced lintels, an upper level pulley beam and access doorway. The lower level has vents in the brickwork and there are two rings on the north facing wall used presumably to tether horses.

- additional single storeyed structures not readily visible from the street.

Integrity

Condition: Sound. Integrity: High.

Historical Australian Themes

3.11 Feeding people.

4. Building settlements, towns and cities (Thornbury)

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