
Railway Terrace



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Location

19-31 part John Street, CLIFTON HILL VIC 3068 - Property No 134805

Municipality

YARRA CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO91

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 1887, the east side of John Street between Spensley Street and Heidelberg Road was vacant land. In 1888 7 brick terrace houses were built in John Street on the north-east corner of Spensley Street. William Inglis, an agent, was listed as owner, and all houses had tenants.

In 1891 William and John Vale were owners; the Sands and McDougall Directory for that year listing the properties as "Railway Terrace 1 to 7". By 1900 the properties were in the hands of the executors of the late Frank Spry. Six of the houses had tenants at this time.

Description:

The terrace at 19-31 John Street is a row of 7 two-storey houses, of rendered brick construction. The houses have two storey verandahs and balconies, with cast iron balustrading. The verandahs are separated by rendered wing walls with semi-circular arched recesses at each level. Windows at ground floor level are tripartite double-hung sashes, with rendered sills, and multi-paned French doors provide access to the balconies at first floor level. A moulded rendered cornice runs across the elevation beneath a plain rendered parapet. The side walls are of face brick.

None of the front fences have survived, having been replaced by low rendered brick walls.

Significance:

Railway Terrace at 19-31 John Street, Clifton Hill, is of local architectural significance and local historical interest. Architecturally, it is an impressively long terrace of two-storey houses, and is a typical example of 19th century boom period speculative development. Historically, it is associated with the adjacent railway line, which was opened in the same year as the construction of the terrace. (Allom Lovell 1998)

A substantial speculative residential development associated with the later years of the land boom and recalling the social significance of the railway line to the extent that this building was erected in the same year as the railway was opened. (Ward, 1995)

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	1888,
Hermes Number	102506
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Physical Description 2

see components

Physical Description 1

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A row of seven two-storeyed cement- rendered brick terraces of plain ornamentation with two storey verandahs. At ground floor level there is a single window and door each with narrow sidelights, and there are two pairs of half-glazed french doors to each upper floor. The verandah floors are concrete with bluestone edging. (Ward, 1995)

Integrity

Low

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