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Location

261 Highett Street, RICHMOND VIC 3121 - Property No 139520

Municipality

YARRA CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO263

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:

The house at 261 Highett Street was built in 1893. The first owner was Thomas Colbert, a grocer, who already owned a 4 room wooden house at No. 267. The first occupier of No. 261 was Susan Gore, a widow. The Rate Books for 1893 indicate an unfinished 4 room brick house, valued at ?6, at No. 261. The house remained in the ownership of the Colbert family until at least 1941.

Description:

The house at 261 Highett Street is a two-storey detached polychromatic brick terrace. Italianate in style, it has brown brick walls with cream and red window dressings, string courses and diaper work. There is a convex-profiled corrugated-iron clad verandah between two wing walls with rendered copings and vermiculated consoles. The verandah has a cast iron lacework frieze. There is no balcony. Windows are timber-framed double-hung sashes, with bluestone sills. The parapet has polychromatic brick panelling with an unpainted rendered copings, cornice, and a central segmental pediment flanked by scrolls and decorated with swags. There is an urn at each corner of the parapet. The house has are two polychromatic chimneys with rendered moulded caps.

The brickwork colours and patterning, and the parapet match those on the adjacent single-storey house at 263 Highett Street (see separate datasheet). Both houses have timber and woven wire front fences.

Significance:

The house at 261 Highett Street, Richmond, is of local architectural significance. It is a particularly elaborate example of polychromatic brickwork, and unusual in its incorporation of three cream and red brick string courses into the upper level, including within the parapet. The house is particularly intact, retaining its original unpainted rendered dressings. The house forms an interesting and significant pair with No. 263, a double-fronted single-storey composition of the same elements, with many very similar or identical details.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Yarra - Richmond Conservation Study, John & Thurley O'Connor, Ros Coleman & Heather Wright, 1985; 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	1893,
Other Names	House,
Hermes Number	102668
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Integrity

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This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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