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Fairfield Boathouse - Original Building c. 1908-1923

Location

1 Fairfield Park Drive, FAIRFIELD VIC 3078 - Property No 269800

Municipality

YARRA CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO146

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 origins of the Fairfield Boathouse are unknown, but it appears to have been constructed in the 1890s or 1900s.

Description:

The Fairfield Boathouse is a two-storey timber building constructed on the north side of the Yarra River, against the slope of the river bank. The building is clad in weatherboard, and has a gabled roof clad in corrugated galvanised steel. A wide timber post verandah encircles the building at first floor level, decorated with cast iron brackets, and has vertical timber balustrading. The corrugated galvanised steel verandah roof has ogee gutters, embellished with metal acroteria at the corners.

The gable ends on the side (east and west) elevations have decorative carved timber barge boards, turned timber finials and circular vents. The projecting entrance porch is located on the west side, and has two smaller gables with similar bargeboards and vents to those of the main roof. The lower level beneath the verandah facing the river is weatherboarded.

Significance:

The former Fairfield Boathouse is of local architectural significance. The boathouse is one of two located within Yarra Bend Park, the other being the Studley Park Boathouse. The boathouse was constructed to serve the recreation needs of the public, and is part of a long standing tradition of such activities in the Park. The boathouse is a picturesque element in the riverside landscape.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Yarra - Northcote Urban Conservation Study, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1982; 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	1900,
Hermes Number	102807
Property Number	

Physical Description 2

staged development - existing decorative scheme from the 1980s.

Physical Description 1

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(Note: the detailings such as 'decorative carved timber barge boards, turned timber finials and circular vents' was added in the 1990s (Peter Crone architect).

Integrity

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