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# HOUSE



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## Location

397 JOHNSTON STREET,, ABBOTSFORD VIC 3067 - Property No 113295

## Municipality

YARRA CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO23

## Heritage Listing

Yarra City

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## 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 397 Johnston Street, Abbotsford, was built for John E Woolcock in 1900. Since at least 1898, Woolcock had been the owner of a wooden shop and house, valued at ?20 in 1900, near the corner of Johnston and Paterson Streets.

The rate Books for 1901 list Woolcock as the owner of two brick houses, later Nos. 395 and 397, each valued at ?30. The first occupier of No. 397 was William R Butcher, a clerk. In 1910, John Woolcock himself occupied the house, whilst James Woolcock lived at No. 395.

#### Description:

The house at 397 Johnston Street, Abbotsford is a detached single-storey, double-fronted villa with, bichromatic brickwork and tripartite double-hung sash windows with flat arches above. Walls are of tuck pointed red brick, with brown brick string courses and window dressings. Unlike No. 395, however, it has a hipped roof, clad with slate, with projecting eaves supported on pairs of carved timber brackets. The lacework on the verandah is also more ornate than on the neighbouring villa, and it curves from the springing point in a convex, rather than a concave, fashion. The Italianate influence is less apparent than at No. 395, being restricted to the mouldings on the chimney, and a simple scroll and vermiculated panel at the top of the east wall.

The house retains its original front fence of iron pickets set into a bluestone plinth.

#### Significance:

The house at 397 Johnston Street, Abbotsford is of local architectural significance. It is a good, if extremely late, example of the exuberant 19th century Italianate boom style, notable for its bichromatic brickwork and cast iron decoration. The house forms a pair with the adjacent No. 395, and together they comprise an important heritage element on a main thoroughfare in Abbotsford which has been significantly eroded by post-War industrial and commercial development.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Yarra - City of Yarra Review of Heritage Overlay Areas, Graeme Butler & Associates, 2007; Yarra - City of Collingwood Conservation Study, Andrew Ward & Associates, 1995; Yarra - City of Yarra Heritage Review, Allom Lovell & Associates, 1998; Yarra - City of Collingwood Conservation Study, Andrew Ward & Associates, 1989;
Construction dates	1900,
Other Names	Woolcock House,
Hermes Number	103017
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*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*