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# River House



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## Location

67-63 Church Street, ABBOTSFORD VIC 3067 - Property No 108600

## Municipality

YARRA CITY

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO5

## 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 River House was erected in c.1892 for law clerk John Buchan. The house is one of a pair of once identical houses, the other at 24 Mayfield Street. The houses were erected the year Sir Francis Murphy, the owner of Mayfield, died. The house, rated the year of construction at NAV ?20, also had a coach house and stables. In 1905 the house, then rated at ?18, was sold to architect, William A Fettes, who retained the property until 1911 when it was purchased by William Carrodus, baker. The following year the property had increased in value to ?28, possibly indicating improvements. The

NAV increased again in 1929, when it was rated at ?38. Carrodus retained the house until c.1930. All three early owners of the property leased it to tenants for a period.

The house has been substantially altered since the early 1980s. The alterations were designed by local architect Gabriel Orosvary.

#### Description:

The house at 24 Mayfield Street (actually 63-67 Church St), Abbotsford, is a two storey double-fronted timber house on a steep site overlooking the Yarra River. Access to the house from Church Street is via the rear of the upper level. The house has been substantially altered since the early 1980s; the roof profile is one of the few recognisable original elements. The north elevation has two timber-framed balconies and extensive storage space beneath the building. The north wall appears to have been reconstructed in brick, and none of the large, timber-framed window and door openings appears to be original.

#### Significance:

The River House, 67 Church Street, Abbotsford, is of local historical and architectural significance. It is one of any a few surviving 19th century houses on sites with river frontages remaining in the municipality. It is one of the few substantial houses remaining in this part of Abbotsford, which was extensively redeveloped with industrial buildings in the post-War period. Of all the riverside properties in the municipality, it is rare in having its main facade address the river rather than the street.

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	1892,
Hermes Number	103475
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 2

Known as 67 in Clause 43. obscured; altered

## Physical Description 1

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## **Integrity**

not assessed

*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.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*