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Location

14-18 part Old Heidelberg Road, ALPHINGTON VIC 3078 - Property No 273085

Municipality

YARRA CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO78

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:

Charles Trescowthick, the boot manufacturer, was the first owner of this house in 1911. His factory was in Hoddle Street Abbotsford and he had previously lived in Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe. His biography, published in c. 1903, noted his business as '*.. one of the most nourishing businesses in connection with the boot manufacturing industry in the State..*'. His three-storey brick factory was then described as in Roseneath Street, Clifton Hill, and equipped with all of the latest mechanical aids to manufacture the numerous boot and shoe lines stocked by the firm. Trescowthick had started his business there in 1892 in smaller premises having been trained in the leather trade previously. He also spent some time on the Wages Board of the boot trade.

The building later formed part of the preparatory school of the Christian Brothers' Parade College, and now forms part of Alphington Grammar School. The building is presently used as the school's administration building.

Description:

The house at 18 Old Heidelberg Road, Alphington, is a single-storey Edwardian villa, constructed of red brick with rendered dressings, and with a hipped and gabled slate roof. Typical of the Queen Anne style, the house is a picturesque composition of projecting half-timbered gables, tall red brick chimneys with roughcast rendered caps and terracotta chimney pots and bow windows with leadlight highlights. A verandah returns around the north and east elevations, and is supported on cast iron columns and decorated with a cast iron fretwork frieze. A distinctive ogee-roofed turret penetrates the north-east corner of the roof, above a polygonal bay window of leadlight casements. The roof has terracotta ridge cresting and terracotta finials, and gable ends are supported on decorative timber brackets.

Significance:

The house at 18 Old Heidelberg Road, Alphington, is of local historical and architectural significance. The house has historical associations with Charles Trescowthick, a prominent late 19th and early 20th century Melbourne bootmaker. Architecturally, the house is a highly distinctive example of the Edwardian Queen Anne style, substantially intact, and particularly notable for its tower and cast iron verandah details.

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	1911,
Hermes Number	103763
Property Number	

Physical Description 2

Known as 18 OLD HEIDELBERG Rd in Planing Scheme Clause 43 schedule also wrongly mapped; set in grounds since developed as school.

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Integrity

Good

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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