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Location

5-7 Rex Avenue, ALPHINGTON VIC 3078 - Property No 296220

Municipality

YARRA CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO80

Heritage Listing

Yarra City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - July 31, 2006

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 Fulham Grange Two Estate was created from A Klemis' Crown Portion 117, in 1883. William George Harless, a plasterer, purchased the land (part lot 59) and built 5-7 Rex Avenue in 1907. He leased the house almost immediately to Percy and Ada Penn. Percy, a printer, and Ada stayed in the house until 1913, when Harless returned from America and took it for his own use until past 1930. Harold D Harless, an engineer and William's son, later occupied the house.

Description:

53 Rex Avenue, Alphington, is a detached timber Federation attic style house. Characteristic of the style, the house is asymmetrically composed with a Marseilles patterned hipped and gabled roof. An octagonal candle snuffer turret marks the corner, rising above a polygonal bay window. The return verandah is supported on timber posts, with a timber arcaded frieze and carved brackets. Gable ends are half timbered and have fretted brackets. There is an unusual eye-shaped window on the street elevation. The roughcast rendered chimneys are diagonally oriented, and have terracotta chimney pots.

Alterations include the replacement of the casement windows beneath the main gable, replacement of the front door, and concreting of the verandah floor. The timber and woven wire fence and lych gate probably date from the inter-War period. Alongside the fence is a clipped hedge, and behind the house is a mature Norfolk Island pine.

Significance:

5-7 Rex Avenue, Alphington, is of local architectural significance and local historical interest. The house is a good example of the picturesque Federation style, notable for its unusual eye shaped window, decorative timber verandah and octagonal corner turret and bay window. The house is enhanced by its mature garden. The continuous ownership of the house by the Harless family is of interest.

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	1907,
Hermes Number	103765
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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/>