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# John Sutherland & Son's vinegar factory distillery, Former, part



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## Location

20-26 Blanche Street, CREMORNE VIC 3121 - Property No 284240

## Municipality

YARRA CITY

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO295

## Heritage Listing

Yarra City

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - August 21, 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 building at 67 Wellington Street, Richmond was a distillery belonging to John Sutherland & Son's vinegar factory, built c 1889.

John Sutherland began his career in Australia as an employee of James Dickson of Richmond, a manufacture of wines, spirits and vinegar. The wines and spirits business did not prosper, as the tastes of drinkers tended towards rum. It is thought that Sutherland's influence led the business into the area of cordials and boot blacking, which incorporated vinegar in its manufacture.

In 1885 John Sutherland left Dickson's and established the John Sutherland Vinegar Factory on the south corner of Cremorne and Blanche Streets. He died in 1889 and his two sons expanded the business which continued until the late 1970s, when it was taken over and closed by R M Gow & Co.

Beer, used to make pure malt vinegar, was pumped from the distillery down Blanche Street to the Cremorne Street factory by means of a large underground pipe laid by the Richmond City Council during the 1930s.

The factory also manufactured pickles and cordials.

#### Description:

The former Sutherland's Distillery is a utilitarian two and three-storey building of red brick construction. The tower-like three storey section, facing Blanche Street, is divided into two bays separated by red brick piers rising the full height of the building. The small square openings have brick voussoirs. The hipped corrugated iron roof has bracketed eaves, below which is a course of dentillated brickwork. Adjacent to the tower is a gabled two storey section, with a gable end facing Wellington Street. There is a single opening on this elevation, with the remnants of a timber boarded door, above which is a cantilevered block and tackle hoisting beam.

#### Significance:

The former Sutherland's Distillery is of local architectural and historical significance. It is a remnant of the 19th century distilling industry in Richmond. The building is largely intact, and is a prominent element in the immediate vicinity, forming a termination to Wellington Street.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Yarra - Richmond Conservation Study, John & Thurley O'Connor, Ros Coleman & Heather Wright, 1985; 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	1889,
Hermes Number	103999
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## Physical Description 2

heritage overlay map covers 67 Wellington St (main block) & 20-26 Blanche St, as Richmond; recent development; property number varies

## Integrity

Low

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