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Location

17 Bedford Street, COLLINGWOOD VIC 3066 - Property No 291760

Municipality

YARRA CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO95

Heritage Listing

Yarra City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - August 28, 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:

Thomas Kelly built two factories on this site in 1886. The factories were a speculative development, and the first tenant was Henry Bloomfield, a manufacturer. Kelly retained ownership at least until 1892, when the tenants were Richard McGan, and Frederick Fowler, boot manufacturers, who traded as McGan & Fowler. Richard McGan was a Collingwood born boot manufacturer and major employer at his earlier Hoddle Street factory during the 1884 bootmaking trade dispute. As treasurer of the manufacturers' association, McGan successfully held out against the Bootmakers Union and W Trenwith, general agent for the Union, in a dispute over wages which lasted for nearly three months.

Description:

The factory at 15-17 Bedford Street, Collingwood, is a two-storey brick industrial building. The walls are of red face brick with an unpainted rendered string course at first floor level and cornice at parapet level. The front elevation is symmetrical,

with two doorways, suggesting separate tenancies, flanked by pairs of segmental arched and iron barred windows. The first floor has six similar window openings. The windows return along the north elevation, facing a right-of-way.

The words MEIK BROS. PTY LTD JASON STROPS appear in faded lettering on the north and south elevations.

The ground floor facade has been painted.

Significance:

The factory building at 15-17 Bedford Street, Collingwood, is of local historical and architectural significance. Although boot factories proliferated in Collingwood in the 19th century, this building is a rare remaining example of a speculative industrial development, not built for any specific company. The building remains substantially intact. Its association with Richard McGan, a local bootmaker, is also of historical interest.

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	1886,
Hermes Number	104149
Property Number	

Physical Description 2

part bricks painted

Integrity

Good

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