
Former Duke of York Hotel, 213-215 High Street, Prahran



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Location

213-215 High Street, PRAHRAN VIC 3181 - Property No 38843

Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO404

Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The former Duke of York Hotel, at 213-215 High Street, Prahran, is a double-storey corner hotel designed in stylised Grecian revival mode. The first hotel on the site opened in the mid 1850s and was extensively remodelled or rebuilt c1927.

How is it Significant?

The former Duke of York Hotel is of local architectural and historical significance to the City of Stonnington.

Why is it Significant?

The former Duke of York Hotel is of historical significance for its ability to demonstrate the major interwar trend of rebuilding and remodelling nineteenth century hotels that followed the introduction of the Licenses Reduction Board. The hotel is of additional significance for the enduring use of the site as licensed premises for over 150 years.

The former Duke of York Hotel is architecturally significant as a fine and largely intact example of a hotel executed in a stylised Grecian Revival mode popular for hotel buildings of the period.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Stonnington - Hotels in the City of Stonnington Heritage Citations Project, Bryce Raworth Pty Ltd, 2010;
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Physical Description 1

The former Duke of York Hotel occupies the site on the north-east corner of High and Clifton streets, Prahran. The hotel is a double-storey, rendered masonry building designed in a stylised Grecian Revival mode. The High Street facade is symmetrically composed about a recessed first floor balcony, which is flanked on either side by pilasters and paired timber-framed windows with multi-pane upper sashes. The facade is surmounted by a broad pediment with an anthemion finial at its apex making an overt reference to Classical Greek architecture. The neo-Classical effect of the facade design is further enhanced by a strongly moulded cornice at parapet level with prominent block modillions over the first floor balcony. The Clifton Street elevation takes a similar form to the High Street facade but with the pediment and first floor balcony forming part of a shallow projecting bay.

The hotel facade remains substantially intact to its c1927 state although some modifications have been made to the ground floor including bricking up of a doorway and three window openings under the Clifton Street balcony. The interior of the hotel was not inspected during the preparation of this report but is understood to have been extensively refurbished.

Historical Australian Themes

The former Duke of York Hotel illustrates the following themes as identified in the *Stonnington Thematic Environmental History* (Context Pty Ltd, 2006):

- 7.4.1 Early Hotels
- 7.4.2 Developing a Modern Hospitality Industry

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