
Former Jam Factory

Location

Part 500 Chapel Street SOUTH YARRA, STONNINGTON CITY

Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO126

Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Jam Factory complex is situated on land which has been occupied by industrial buildings since the 1850s. The brewery and maltings which operated on the site from the 1850s until 1906 remain legible through the two-storey Labelling Building to Garden Street which retains its bluestone facade dating from the nineteenth century. This is understood to be the only built form to survive from the former Tankard Maltings Co occupation of the site. The later jam production uses are most legible in the western sections of the complex where original building volumes of the Sugar Plant, Main Office and Labelling Building, survive as do much of their original facades to Chapel and Garden Streets. The industrial usage of the site is enhanced by the presence an early chimney within the site. This is one of only two industrial chimneys to survive within the Municipality.

How is it significant?

Those elements of the former Jam Factory noted above are of local social, historical and aesthetic significance.

Why is it significant?

The former Jam Factory is significant as a reminder of the former industrial character of the South Yarra area, and specifically of the brewery and maltings, which operated here from the 1850s until 1906, and of the jam factories which operated here from the 1870s until c1970s. The site is of historical significance as the headquarters of the Australian Jam Company (AJC) and Henry Jones IXL, major names in the history of the Victorian food industry. It is of social significance as an illustration of an early phase of local manufacturing, most

specifically the sub theme 6.2.2 'Food Processing' identified in Council's Thematic Environmental History and as a major local employer through the twentieth century. The Jam factory is of local significance as a landmark and contributory element within the popular Chapel Street shopping entertainment strip.

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Physical Description 1

The jam factory is a large cinema, cafe and retail complex with a multi-storey car park at the rear (east). Little remains of the original nineteenth and early twentieth century buildings apart from some remnants of the building volumes along Chapel and Garden Streets. The facades of the two original Chapel Street buildings have been linked by the addition of an arched opening supported on tall Ionic columns. The Chapel street facades have been extensively altered, with the removal of the bluestone at the base of the northern section, the replacement of the original windows, the addition of many new openings, the replacement of the parapet mouldings and the addition of postmodern classical detailing. An extra storey, faced in glass, has been added above. The Garden Street frontage retains the two storey bluestone facade of the former Tankard Maltings Co. and the two storey brick facade of an early twentieth century factory building, to which a third storey has been added. Within the perimeter buildings, all that appears to remain of the original industrial complex is a tall brick chimney stack which rises through the glass roof of the central atrium area.

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