
HOUSE & FRONT FENCE



RICHMOND BAKER
STREET 70.jpg

Location

70 BAKER STREET,, RICHMOND VIC 3121 - Property No 153705

Municipality

YARRA CITY

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

Heritage Listing

Yarra City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The interwar house, and the front fence constructed in 1938 at 70 Baker Street, Richmond are significant. The house is single fronted, built hard on the east side boundary, with a gable front and projecting gabled porch, both with flush eaves. The porch has a compressed arch opening to the front and side. The front opening is framed by a moulded architrave and there is a wrought iron balustrade to the side. The house is constructed of brick and the upper part of the front wall, and part of the west side wall, are rendered with exposed brick dado under the window. The roof tiles and small finial at the apex of gable appear to be original. The front window comprises a six over six double-hung sash flanked by four over four double-hung sash. There are two slender chimneys with

terracotta pots, which are rendered. The house is complemented by a low front fence with brick piers and balustrade, and wrought iron inserts and a wrought iron gate.

Non-original alterations and additions are not significant.

How it is significant?

The interwar house, and the front fence at 70 Baker Street, Richmond are of local architectural significance to the City of Yarra.

Why it is significant?

The house at 70 Baker Street is a good example of an interwar house with simplified 'Old English' details such as the multi-paned window, use of clinker brick and render, and corbelling to the porch that is characteristic of State Savings Bank house designs of the late 1930s, which were intended to provide value for money and aesthetic variety. It is notable for its high degree of intactness, and is complemented by an intact front fence. (Criterion D)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Yarra - Heritage Gaps Study: Review of remaining 17 heritage precincts from the 2009 Gaps report, Context Pty Ltd, 2013; Yarra - Heritage Gap Study, Graeme Butler & Associates, 2007;
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Physical Description 1

The house at 70 Baker Street is one of a relatively small number of interwar houses, which represent the final phase of residential development in Richmond prior to World War II.

It is single fronted, built hard on the east side boundary, with a gable front and projecting gabled porch, both with flush eaves. The house has simplified Old English or English Cottage detailing. The porch has a segmental arch opening to the front and side. The front opening is framed by a moulded architrave and there is a wrought iron balustrade to the side. The house is constructed of brick and the upper part of the front wall and part of the west side wall are rendered, above an exposed clinker-brick dado under the window in the front wall. The roof tiles and small terracotta finial at the apex of gable appear to be original. The front window comprises a six-over-six double-hung sash window flanked by four-over-four double-hung sashes. There are two slender chimneys with terracotta pots, which are rendered (the render may not be original).

The decoration is very restrained and is limited to the moulded architrave around the porch entry and the corbelling to the porch eaves. The multi-paned front window is also evocative of the style.

The house is set back behind a small front garden, which is complemented by a low front fence with brick piers and balustrade, and decorative mild-steel inserts and gate. There is a small setback to the west side boundary. The concrete path leading to the front door also appears to be original.

The house and fence have a high degree of external integrity when viewed from the street.

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.

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