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## 32 Farmer Street



RICHMOND FARMER STREET 32.jpg



36 Farmer St



Verandah frieze detail, 36 Farmer St



34 & 32 Farmer St

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### Location

32 FARMER STREET RICHMOND, YARRA CITY

### Municipality

YARRA CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO488

### Heritage Listing

Yarra City

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## Statement of Significance

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### *What is significant?*

The terrace, constructed by 1893, at 32-36 Farmer Street, Richmond is significant. The terrace comprises three single-storey, single-fronted, bi-chrome brick late Victorian Boom style houses. The parapet of each house is tall and complex and comprises a cornice set between consoles with a tall pediment comprising fluted piers, flanked by scrolls, with a central indented panel below a half circle containing a shell motif and surmounted by small acroterion. Set between the stringcourse and the bottom of the cornice are paired fern-leaf modillions, with a swag at the centre. Wing-walls have reverse-ogee profile, with a skillion verandah and corbels on scroll-brackets above a tripartite window with barley-twist colonettes and a narrow front door with top light (the doors to nos. 32 & 34 appear to be original, but have been altered). The cast-iron frieze appears to be original to all houses and nos. 32 & 36 retain the original cast-iron front fence and gate and tessellated tiled verandah floors. The chimneys are rendered with cornices.

The fence and gates to no.34 and other non-original alterations and additions to the houses are not significant.

### *How is it significant?*

The terrace at 32-36 Farmer Street, Richmond is of local architectural and aesthetic significance to the City of Yarra.

### *Why is it significant?*

It is significant as a fine and well-detailed example of the late Victorian Boom style, which is notable for the richly ornamented stucco decoration to the parapets and end walls including scrolls, masks, consoles and urns that characterises the flamboyant architecture of the Boom era and exemplifies the fashion for show. While Victorian era houses are common within this part of Richmond, Boom style terraces are rare and this is notable as a relatively intact example. (Criteria B, D & E)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Yarra - Heritage Gap Study: Review of Central Richmond 2014, Context P/L, 2014; Yarra - Heritage Gap Study, Graeme Butler & Associates, 2007;
Hermes Number	174841
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

The terrace comprises three single-storey, single-fronted, bi-chromatic brick houses with a tall and complex Boom style parapet. The parapet of each house comprises a moulded cornice set between consoles with a tall pediment comprising fluted piers, flanked by scrolls, with a central indented panel below a half circle containing a shell motif and surmounted by small acroterion. Set between the string course and the bottom of the cornice are paired fern-leaf modillions with a 'horn of plenty' swag at the centre. Wing-walls have reverse-ogee profile, with a skillion verandah and corbels on scroll-brackets above a tripartite window with barley-twist colonettes and a narrow front door with top light (the doors to nos. 32 & 34 appear to be original, but have been altered). The cast-iron frieze and tiled verandah floors appear to be original to all houses and nos. 32 & 36 retain the original cast-iron front fence and gate. The chimneys are rendered with cornices.

Non-original alterations and additions visible from the street include the fence and gates to no. 34, the removal of the chimney to no. 32, and the over-painting of the face brickwork.

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