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Location

137-151 CREMORNE STREET, CREMORNE, YARRA CITY

Municipality

YARRA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO445

Heritage Listing

Yarra City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

What is significant?

Wilford Terrace, constructed c.1884, at 137-51 Cremorne Street, Cremorne is significant. It is a late Victorian era terrace row comprising eight houses constructed of bi-chromatic brick with bluestone foundations, a single undivided transverse gable roof and a continuous concave verandah (i.e., not penetrated by the brick wing walls), and projecting rear wings with skillion roofs. The verandah has a cast-iron frieze set within a timber frame with cast iron brackets. The parapet is composed of a moulded cornice framed by corbels at either end with stringcourse above the verandah. There is a central triangular pediment with the name 'Wilford Terrace', which is flanked by consoles and surmounted by an acroterion. Originally there were orbs along the parapet, which marked the division between each house - only one (at the south end) survives intact today, but the bases of the others remain. The chimneys are rendered. Each house has a tripartite window with a bluestone sill and a panelled front door with top light.

The front fences and non-original alterations and additions are not significant.

How it is significant?

Wilford Terrace is of local historic and architectural significance to the City of Yarra.

Why it is significant?

Wilford Terrace is historically significant as tangible evidence of the large terrace rows constructed as speculative ventures during the 1880s land boom, which was characterised by higher density development as land values increased. It is associated with and demonstrates the significant amount of residential development in Cremorne, which mostly occurred during the late nineteenth century. (Criterion A)

Wilford Terrace is architecturally significant as an example of a Victorian terrace row constructed during the early 1880s. Typically, the decoration is more restrained than the terraces constructed during the late 1880s onwards. It is of note for the undivided main roof and continuous verandah that demonstrates the lack of fire protection that characterised many of the early terraces built in Richmond, which was not subject to the Melbourne Building Act of 1849. (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;
Other Names	House,
Hermes Number	175723
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Wilford Terrace is a late Victorian era terrace row comprising eight houses. It is constructed of bi-chromatic brick with bluestone foundations and has a single undivided transverse gable roof and a continuous concave verandah (i.e., neither are penetrated by party walls), and rear wings with skillion roofs. The verandah has a cast-iron frieze set within a timber frame with cast iron brackets, typical of the 1870s onward. The parapet is composed of a moulded cornice framed by corbels at either end with stringcourse above the verandah. There is a central triangular pediment with the name 'Wilford Terrace', which is flanked by consoles and surmounted by an acroterion. Originally there were orbs along the parapet, which marked the division between the houses - only one (at the south end) survives intact today, but the bases of the other remain. The chimneys are rendered. Each house has a tripartite window with a bluestone sill and a panelled front door with top light.

The terrace appears to be in good condition and is relatively intact. Changes include:

- . The replacement of the original slate roof with iron,
- . The over-painting of the bricks,
- . The removal of the chimneys to nos. 143 and 147,
- . The removal/loss of decorative orbs along the parapet and some of the cast iron brackets.

The original picket fence shown in the early photo has been replaced. The existing fences are sympathetic with the exception of the high fence to no.137. The driveway to no.141 is inappropriate.

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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