NUTTELEX OFFICE & FACTORY (FORMER)



Nuttelex Factory (former)

Location

1-3 GORDON STREET, CREMORNE, YARRA CITY

Municipality

YARRA CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO463

Heritage Listing

Yarra City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The former Nuttelex office and factory, constructed c.1917 to c.1935, at 1-9 Gordon Street, Cremorne is significant. It is a single storey interwar factory, constructed in red brick, which appears to have been built in two stages comprising one building at no.1-3, and the other at no.5-9. The facade is divided into regular bays by evenly spaced pilasters that in no.1-3 extend above the parapet height at either end, while at no. 5-9 the pilasters step up in height toward the middle. The windows to no. 1-3 are triple casements with toplights, while those at no.5-9 are double casements with toplights.

Non-original alterations and additions to the building are not significant.

How it is significant?

The former Nuttelex office and factory is of local historic and architectural significance to the City of Yarra.

Why it is significant?

The former Nuttelex office and factory is historically significant as tangible evidence of the industrial development of Cremorne during the interwar period. In the twentieth century Richmond became one of the centres of manufacturing in Melbourne and Cremorne was one of three areas designated for industry within the municipality. This factory is associated with one of the small to medium sized industries in Cremorne and it is significant for its association with Nuttelex as the first building occupied by the company after its formation in Melbourne in 1932, and was continuously occupied by the company for over 40 years. The company manufactured Nuttelex Margarine, which was the first margarine manufactured in Australia and became a 'household name'. (Criteria A & H)

The former Nuttelex office and factory is historically and architecturally significant as a good example of a small interwar factory complex with typical brick construction and utilitarian form with minimal detailing. The dividing of the facade into bays separated by pilasters is typical of factories of this era. (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;

Construction dates

1925,

Hermes Number

175767

Property Number

Physical Description 1

No. 1-9 Gordon Street is a single storey interwar factory, constructed in red brick. As suggested by the History, it appears to have been built in two stages comprising one building at no.1-3, and the other at no.5-9. The facade is divided into regular bays by evenly spaced pilasters that in no.1-3 extend above the parapet height at either end, while at no. 5-9 the pilasters step up in height toward the middle, as does the parapet. The windows to no. 1-3 are triple casements with toplights, while those at no.5-9 are double casements with toplights.

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