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### Location

15-21 BELL STREET RICHMOND AND 15-21 BELL STREET RICHMOND, YARRA CITY

### Municipality

YARRA CITY

### Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO425

HO472

### Heritage Listing

Yarra City

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The properties at 15- 21 Bell Street, Richmond are a row of four adjoining single storey Federation brick cottages, with hipped roof forms clad in corrugated galvanised steel, and gabled front bays with verandahs. The single bay verandahs each screen a three-light box-framed window; the front doors are set well back to the side of each house.

### How is it significant?

The properties at 15-21 Bell Street, Richmond, are of local historical and aesthetic/architectural significance.

### Why is it significant?

The properties are of local historical significance, as a substantially externally intact collection of four Federation brick cottages which date from 1911-12, and provide evidence of worker's housing in Richmond in the early twentieth century. The dwellings are associated with Eleazer Lesser, who acquired and developed a number of properties in Richmond in this period, including similar residential developments in Lord Street, Dickens Street and Burnley Street.

The dwellings are also of local aesthetic/architectural significance. They represent a variant on Federation house architecture, and while comparatively modest in size, are distinguished by their detailing and prominent gabled verandahs. Elements of note include the gridded Japanese-flavoured verandah friezes; paired verandah posts with floral cut-out post spandrels; painted cement dressings; three-light front windows in box frames over apron sills; and chimney stacks.

## Theme

### 6. Building towns cities and the garden state

Heritage Study/Consultant	Yarra - Heritage Gap Study: Review of Central Richmond 2014, Context P/L, 2014; Yarra - Heritage Gap Study, Graeme Butler & Associates, 2007; Yarra - City of Yarra Heritage Gaps Study 2012 (Heritage Gaps Amendment two), Lovell Chen, 2012;
Other Names	Eleazer Lesser Houses,
Hermes Number	175868
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

The properties at 15- 21 Bell Street, Richmond date from 1911-1912, and are a row of four adjoining single-storey Federation brick cottages on the east side of Bell Street. The cottages have hipped roof forms clad in corrugated galvanised steel over the main sections of the houses, and gabled front bays and verandahs. The west facades to Bell Street are of exposed face brick with painted cement dressings, with the distinctive single bay verandahs each screening a three-light box-framed window. Each house is separated from its neighbour by a brick divider with vermiculated lug ends, common in Richmond terrace housing; and the front doors are set well back to the side of each house. The front gable patterning in timber and roughcast stucco is intact on all four dwellings, as are the verandah friezes and frieze brackets, paired verandah posts, and floral cut-out post spandrels. The cottages have brick front chimneys with bowed necks in roughcast stucco, and tall terracotta pots. All have less decorative red brick chimneys visible towards the rear. The front chimney to No. 17 has been overpainted.

The group is set in a crescent, reflecting a curved section of Bell Street. The dwellings also have medium height timber post fencing or powder coated metal palisade fencing. No. 15 has a crossover and car parking to the front setback, which is an intrusive element.

The rears of the properties were not inspected.

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