
TERRACE



The terrace viewed from the west, with no. 33 in the foreground



35 Stawell St

Location

33-39 WALL STREET, RICHMOND, YARRA CITY

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 terrace, built in 1885-86, at 33-39 Wall Street, Richmond is significant. The houses were built in two groups, as distinguished by the central party wall, in 1885-86 for two investors using finance from the Melbourne Permanent Building Society. The houses have red brick walls contrasting with areas of smooth render. The roofs are transverse gables, terminating in gabled parapets, with boxy corbelled brick chimneys.

No. 35 retains an interwar brick and wire-mesh fence, which is sympathetic.

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

How it is significant?

The terrace at 33-39 Wall Street, Richmond is of local architectural and aesthetic significance to the City of Yarra.

Why it is significant?

Architecturally, the terrace is distinguished by the use of Romanesque Revival details on a backdrop of typical Victorian terrace form. These details include the round-head arches with moulded brick edging and the arcaded corbel table below the eaves, both set against smooth render to ensure that these features stand out.

Romanesque Revival was most commonly used in Victoria for public buildings, including churches, courthouse and post offices, as well as large commercial buildings. It was only rarely applied to residential buildings in the Victorian and Edwardian eras. The use of red brick in contrast with render dressings is also rather advanced at this date, as it only came into common use in the 1890s. (Criteria E & B)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Yarra - Heritage Gap Study: Review of Central Richmond 2014, Context P/L, 2014; Yarra - Heritage Gap Study, Graeme Butler & Associates, 2007;
Other Names	Houses,
Hermes Number	176268
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Mainly east of Mary St- Edwardian-era & Victorian-era groups- see 33-39 at Duke, see also 6-12, part proposed Coppin St heritage overlay

The terrace at 33-39 Wall Street is constructed of brick with transverse gable roofs clad in corrugated metal. The roof terminates in a gabled parapet at either end. Chimneys are boxy with corbelling below a rectangular brick cap. Interestingly, there is only a party wall between nos. 35 and 37, delineating the separate investments of Birch and Taylor. The lack of party walls between every house indicates that they were constructed prior to the enactment of the Richmond building regulations in late 1886.

The facades are of red brick, tuckpointed with a cream ribbon on black stopping mortar. Each house has two round-arched openings edged with moulded bricks - a double-hung window, and a recessed entry. The moulded bricks continue horizontally, at the springing height of the arches, to set off the tuckpointed brick from an area of smooth render just below the verandah. The same moulded brick are used above the segmentally arched windows to the end wall of no. 33. Above the verandah is a striking frieze comprising an arcaded corbel table on a background of smooth render. The verandah beam has applied dentils on it.

Early alterations to the terrace include a brick and wire-mesh fence to no. 35, which is sympathetic, and the introduction of clumsy bungalow piers to the verandahs of nos. 33 and 35. No. 37 has lost its front chimney, no. 33 has been over-painted, and no. 39 has been covered in acrylic render. It appears that none of the houses retain their original verandah frieze.

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