
HOUSE



RICHMOND DICKENS STREET 8.jpg



8 Dickens St

Location

8 DICKENS STREET,, RICHMOND VIC 3121 - Property No 169250

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 house at 8 Dickens Street, Richmond, is significant. The house, built in 1886-87 in the Italianate style, is clad in weatherboards with a complex hip roof covered in corrugated metal. Its plan is unusual, with the front room projecting entirely from the rest of the house, creating a narrow double-fronted composition.

The front fence and non-original alterations and additions to the cottage are not significant.

How it is significant?

The house at 8 Dickens Street, Richmond is of local aesthetic significance to the City of Yarra.

Why it is significant?

Aesthetically, the house is small but ornate example of an 1880s Italianate cottage with a number of unusual decorative details such as the rendered chimney with a frieze of brackets and paterae below the cornice and wythes with a sunburst pattern above, and the verandah with intricately chamfered timber posts and pierced timber frieze and brackets. The visual complexity and interest of the verandah is heightened by its double-return form. (Criterion 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 176530

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Physical Description 1

The house at 8 Dickens Street is an Italianate timber cottage with an unusually high level of detail and articulated plan. The walls are clad in weatherboards, with corrugated metal to the complex hip roof. The front chimney is rendered and quite ornate with a frieze of brackets and paterae below the cornice and wythes with a sunburst pattern above. A similar frieze of timber elements is seen beneath the eaves of the house.

The front room projects entirely from the rest of the house, creating a narrow double-fronted composition. The front window is a typical Victorian double-hung window with wide sidelights, while the window to the recessed part of the facade lacks the sidelights.

The return verandah is one of the main points of distinction of the house. It covers all three planes of the facade, and has an elegant concave profile. The verandah retains its timber posts with multiple decorative chamfers and capitals, as well as dentils to the verandah beam, a solid frieze with pierced quatrefoil and circle motifs, and pierced timber brackets with a sunburst pattern.

The house appears to be intact apart from the truncating or rebuilding of two rear chimneys, the replacement of the timber verandah floor with brick, and a rear extension (not noticeable from the street).

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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