Location
199 QUEENS PARADE CLIFTON HILL, Yarra City

Municipality
YARRA CITY

Level of significance
Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number
H0684

Heritage Overlay Numbers
Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 28, 1999

What is significant?

The Former United Kingdom Hotel was built in 1937-38, replacing a hotel of the same name that occupied the site. This remarkable two storey brick building has cantilevered concrete balconies with slim metal railings and light cantilevered canopies which accentuate the rounded horizontal mass of the ground and first floors. Manganese, tapestry and cream bricks provide polychrome and textural contrast, and the massive vertical fins rising through the centre of the western facade are striking features.

How is it significant?

The Former United Kingdom Hotel is of architectural and historical significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The Former United Kingdom Hotel is of architectural significance as possibly Victoria’s most exquisite and intact example of the Jazz Moderne style of architecture designed by one of the most notable proponents of the style, J. H. Wardrop. The building is greatly enhanced by its near-island siting and is externally and internally almost original, with the exception of post-war rear additions. It provides an interesting three-dimensional comparison with Wardrop’s slightly earlier Alkira House in Queen Street, Melbourne.

The Former United Kingdom Hotel is of historical significance as an exemplar of the material culture of the late 1930s and of prevailing social customs. The survival of much of the hotel’s interior provides important evidence of hotel design and usage in the pre-WW2 period.

Construction dates 1937,
Architect/Designer Wardrop, James Hastie,
Heritage Act Categories Registered place,
Other Names MCDONALDS,
Hermes Number 297
Property Number

History

Associated People: Tenant CARLTON & UNITED BREWERIES;
Extent of Registration

AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS
Historic Building No. 684.
United Kingdom Hotel, 199 Queens Parade, Clifton Hill
to the extent of the 1937 structure and the whole of the land in Certificate of Title Volume 5021 Folio 1004188 as shown on the plan held by the Ministry for Planning and Environment.


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 data owner.

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