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Location

171 VICTORIA PARADE FITZROY, YARRA CITY

Municipality

YARRA CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0178

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO192

VHR Registration

October 9, 1974

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - July 20, 1999

What is significant?

Blanche Terrace, Fitzroy, is a terrace of six houses built between 1866 and 1867 for Henry Mills. This fine two storey brick terrace in the conservative classical style is notable for the length of its facade and epitomizes a typical terrace composition of the time. The deep setback from the street and the fine mouldings, particularly on the flat arch arcade on the ground floor and first floor windows, are distinctive features of the building. It is the centrepiece of the Blanche Terrace precinct and an outstanding example of this distinctive building type.

How is it significant?

Blanche Terrace is of architectural, historical and cultural significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it Significant?

Blanche Terrace, Fitzroy, is of architectural significance as an outstanding example of a distinctive 19th century form of Melbourne housing. The facade is largely intact, although the words "Blanche Terrace" have been removed from the freize, and parts of the cast iron palisade fence remain.

Blanche Terrace, Fitzroy, is of historical and cultural significance for its associations with the important Australian novelist, Henry Handel Richardson (aka Florence Lindesay Richardson), who was born in No. 179. Richardson is perhaps best known for her novels "The Fortunes of Richard Mahoney" (also known as "Australia Felix"), and "The Getting of Wisdom".

Permit Exemptions

General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don’t harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

Places of worship: In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must notify the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

Subdivision/consolidation: Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions here.

Construction dates	1867,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	491
Property Number	

Extent of Registration

City of Fitzroy. No. 178. Blanche Terrace, 171 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy.
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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.

For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/