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# 17 Johnson Street



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## Location

17 Johnson Street, RICHMOND VIC 3121 - Property No 151545

## Municipality

YARRA CITY

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO325

## Heritage Listing

Yarra City

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 1, 2014

Precinct statement of significance

Component streets include:

Buckingham Street,

Cole Street,

Gardner Street,

Hollick Street,

Johnson Street,

Kennedy Street,

Kent Street.

## Statement of Significance

### What is significant?

The Kennedy Street Area comprises part of Crown Portions 41 and 44, two 27 acre lots sold in June 1849. The area's building stock derives from two periods of development in Richmond. To the south, the houses in Gardner, Buckingham and Kent Streets date from the late 19th century when the area was developed as workers' housing.

To the north, the east side of Johnson Street, along with Hollick, Cole and Kennedy Streets remained undeveloped until the inter-War period. While MMBW maps from 1896 show Gardner, Buckingham and Kent Streets to be almost fully developed at that time, the large area bounded by Victoria, Burnley, Buckingham and Johnson Streets, known as Cole's Paddock, was almost completely vacant. The only development was Cole's Terrace, a row of six attached dwellings facing Victoria Street, where Davison Street now stands. Set back approximately 73m from the street, the terrace then had a sweeping semi-circular carriage drive. (64) No street trees were shown on the MMBW Detail Plans of 1898 (65).

### Main development era

The main development eras evident in the heritage overlay are those of the Victorian era and inter-war periods, with a substantial contribution from the Edwardian-period. There is also a contribution from well preserved inter-war buildings and individually significant places of all eras.

### Contributory elements

The Kennedy Street Heritage Overlay Area contributory elements include (but not exclusively) generally detached Victorian-era and some Edwardian-era groups, plus short streets of inter-war detached mainly one-storey houses having:

- . Pitched gabled or hipped roofs, with some facade parapets (Kent St);
- . One storey wall heights;
- . Weatherboard wall cladding, with some face brick (red, dichrome and polychrome) or stucco walls in Kent St;
- . Corrugated iron roof cladding and Marseilles pattern unglazed terracotta tiles, with some slate roofing;
- . Chimneys of either stucco finish (with moulded caps) or of matching face brickwork with corbelled capping courses;
- . Post-supported front verandah elements facing the street on Victorian-era and Edwardian-era houses and front porches, set on heavy piers, for the inter-war houses,
- . Less than 40% of the street wall face comprised with openings such as windows and doors, with vertical rectangles for the Victorian-era houses and horizontal window groups for the inter-war; and
- . Front gardens, originally bordered by timber picket front fences of around 1m height for the Victorian and Edwardian-era houses and simple timber pickets, woven or chain wire fixed to a timber frame for the inter-war.

### Contributory elements also include:

- . A small number of corner shops and residences, with display windows and zero boundary setbacks (see Kent St);

. Public infrastructure, expressive of the Victorian and Edwardian-eras such as bluestone pitched road paving, crossings, stone kerbs, and channels, and asphalt paved footpaths.

How is it significant?

HO325 Kennedy Street Heritage Overlay Area, Richmond **is aesthetically and historically** significant to the City of Yarra (National Estate Register [NER]Criteria E1, A4)

Why is it significant?

The Kennedy Street Area is significant:

. For two well preserved groups of housing, Victorian and Edwardian-era and inter-war, as two important eras of workers' cottage development, being visually cohesive remnants of housing types that were once more common throughout the suburb; and

. For the intact streetscapes of Californian Bungalows sited in distinctive cul-de-sacs in Cole, Hollick, Johnson and Kennedy Streets and the east side of Johnson Street and in parts of Buckingham and Kent Streets, as a reminder that not all of Richmond was fully developed by the First World War.

References

64 MMBW Maps. C.1895

65 MMBW DP 1044, 1045 (1898)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Yarra - Richmond Conservation Study, John & Thurley O'Connor, Ros Coleman & Heather Wright, 1985; Yarra - City of Yarra Heritage Review, Allom Lovell & Associates, 1998; Yarra - City of Yarra Review of Heritage Overlay Areas, Graeme Butler & Associates, 2007;
Construction dates	1915,
Other Names	House,
Hermes Number	89868
Property Number	

## Physical Description 2

see Building Identification Form; verandah enclosed; part inter-war group

## Integrity

Fair

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