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BRINSMEADS PHARMACY



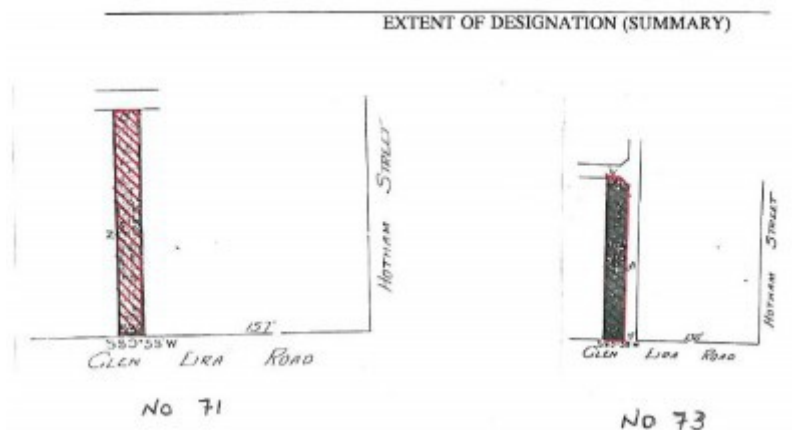
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H0725 H0725 plan

Location

71-73 GLEN EIRA ROAD RIPPONLEA, Port Phillip City

Municipality

PORT PHILLIP CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0725

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO136

VHR Registration

February 22, 1989

Amendment to Registration

September 11, 1991

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - August 18, 1993

Frederick Damyon's Brinsmead's Pharmacy has its origins in the chemist shop opened around 1913 by James Brinsmead in Glen Eira Road, two doors from the railway line.

Damyon acquired the business and had the present building constructed as a showpiece in 1918. Sydney Smith and Ogg were the architects for the building, but Thomas Duff & Brothers made and designed the shopfront and internal fittings and display furniture.

From the late 1920s Damyon leased the shop to a series of other chemists, whilst also maintaining other shops in St Kilda and Woodend. The present owner, Mr CF Johnson, leased the building in 1938, acquiring it in 1955 or 1956. Brinsmead's 1913 shop became Appel's Pharmacy, now located nearby on the corner of Hotham Street.

Brinsmead's Pharmacy, Ripponlea, is one of Victoria's finest chemist shops on account of its shopfront and fittings. These fittings which were manufactured by Thomas Duff comprise extensive leadlight work, including impressive round and elliptical domes. Leadlight was a common feature of commercial retail buildings built early this century rarely was it deployed so extensively and with such skill as in this instance. Shopfront pier cases with incised lettering advertising dental services also remain.

The shopfront, interior fittings and display furniture comprise an elaborate and eye-catching element of the total building which, nevertheless, is an important integral element. The building also includes a residence.

Construction dates	1918,
Architect/Designer	Sydney Smith, Ogg & Serpell,
Heritage Act Categories	Heritage place,
Hermes Number	988

Property Number

History

Associated People: Assoc.People JAMES BRINSMEAD

Extent of Registration

AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 725:

Brinsmead's Pharmacy (Shops and Residences), 71-73 Glen Eira Road, Ripponlea.

1. All of the buildings known as Brinsmead's Pharmacy (Shops and Residences), 71-73 Glen Eira Road, Ripponlea at the time of registration (including the shop fronts of No. 71-73 and the internal shopfittings and fixtures of No. 73), the retail counter, display case and the free-standing centre display case at No. 73; and
2. The whole of the land which is described in Certificate of Title Volume 3938 Folio 514 (No. 71) and Volume 3938 Folio 513 (No.73).

[*Victoria Government Gazette* G35 11 September 1991 pp.2544-2545]

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