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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Brief

This report, the *Heidelberg Road Heritage Review 2019*, has been prepared by RBA Architects + Conservation Consultants for the City of Yarra. It relates to the building stock within the Commercial 1 and Commercial 2 Zones along (the south side of) Heidelberg Road between the Merri and Darebin creeks.

The brief was to undertake the following:

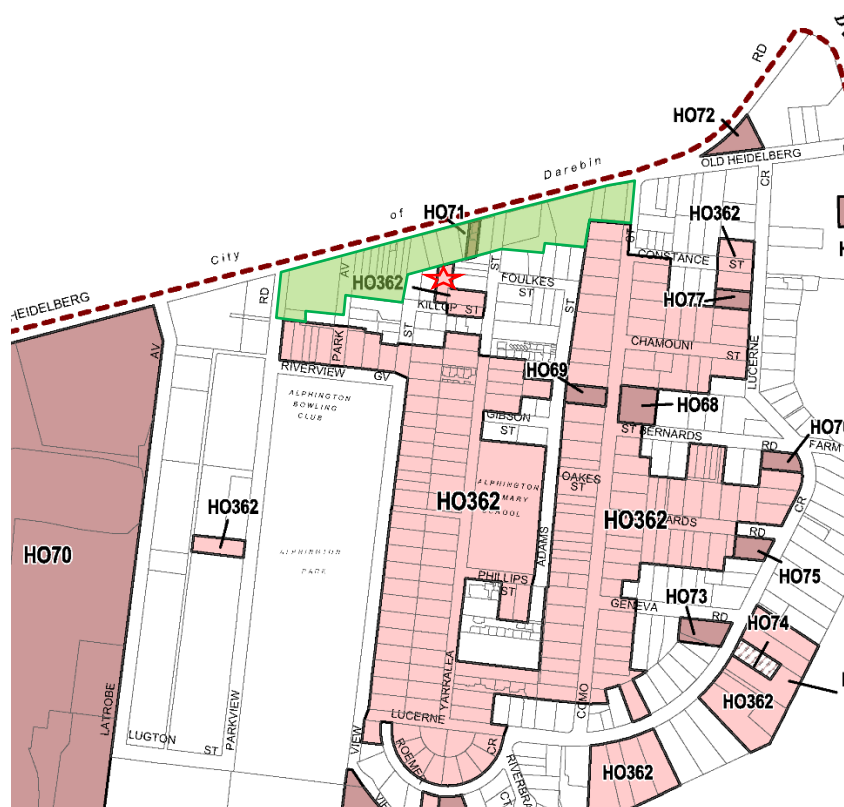
- Review the heritage values of HO 71 (756-758 Heidelberg Road, Alphington) and the currency of its citation,
- Determine whether 2 Killop Street, Alphington should be included in HO362 (Alphington East Precinct),
- Identify any sites of potential heritage value in the study area,
- Provide recommendations for built form controls for any existing and recommended heritage overlays.

1.2 Location

The study area primarily relates to the commercial zones along the south side of Heidelberg Road and extends across parts of the suburbs of Fairfield (western part) and Alphington (eastern part).



Map No. 3HO
Existing HO421 (Porta)
Western part of study area (Commercial 1 and 2 Zones) shown in green



Map No. 4HO showing existing HO71 and 2 Killop Street, Alphington (identified with a star, part of HO362)
Eastern part of study area (Commercial 1 and 2 Zones) is shown in green

1.3 Background

Previous Heritage Studies

- City of Yarra, Review of Heritage Overlay Areas 2007, Appendix 8, prepared by Graeme Butler and Associated, revised May 2017
- City of Yarra Heritage Review, Thematic History Volume 1, prepared by Allom Lovell & Associates, July 1998
- City of Northcote Urban Conservation Study prepared by Graeme Butler, revised February 1983

Existing Listings

There are three sites in the study area listed in the Schedule to the Heritage Overlay:

- HO421 – Porta factory, Heidelberg Road, 224 Heidelberg Road. Existing citation not to be reviewed.
- HO70 – Australian Paper Mills Boiler House, 626 Heidelberg Road. This building has been the subject of a previous amendment and will not be considered as part of this project.
- HO71 – Shops, 756-758 Heidelberg Road – basalt building constructed circa 1860. Existing citation to be reviewed.

1.4 Acknowledgements

The authors are grateful for the assistance provided by the City of Yarra officers.

2 METHODOLOGY

2.1 Introduction

The methodology adopted in undertaking this phase of Heidelberg Road Heritage Review (stage 1) was in accordance with the processes and criteria outlined in the *Australia ICOMOS Charter for the Conservation of Places of Cultural Significance*, known as the *Burra Charter* (Australia ICOMOS, 2013). The key tasks included:

- Site inspections - largely limited to a visual assessment of each property from the perimeter and were undertaken during April 2019.
- Preliminary historical research and analysis of the extant fabric in relation to documentary evidence where applicable.
- Preparing data sheets.
- A preliminary assessment of the significance of each place based on the research and the extant fabric, and with reference to the relevant HERCON criteria.

2.2 Research

Primary sources were mainly employed and have included:

- Photographs, including aerial photographs, held by:
 - Landata (aerial),
 - Darebin Archives,
 - National Archives of Australia (NAA),
 - State Library of Victoria (SLV),
 - University of Melbourne (aerial).
- Drainage plans (Yarra Valley Water),
- Melbourne Metropolitan Board of Works (MMBW) Plans, held by the State Library Victoria,
- Sands & McDougall's street directories,
- Plans (SLV, etc),
- Various newspapers (*Age*, *Argus*, *Herald*, etc).

2.3 Data Sheets + Citation

A data sheet was prepared for individual buildings, or groups of buildings, of potential significance within the study area. A citation was prepared for HO71.

Within the data sheets/citation the following are provided:

- Name (usually relating to the original owners or purpose),
- Address,
- Summary history – including date of construction and period (Federation, Interwar, Post WWII),
- Summary description – including assessment of condition and intactness (poor, fair, good),
- Comparative – examples of similar places,
- Relevant HERCON Criteria,
- Recommendation.

2.4 Preliminary Assessment of Significance

For heritage professionals generally in Australia dealing with post-contact cultural heritage, the process outlined in the *Burra Charter* underpins the approach to heritage assessment and conservation adopted by the authors of this report.

Burra Charter

The methodology adopted in the assessment of the significance (or heritage values) has been in accordance with the process outlined in the *Burra Charter* (or The Australia ICOMOS Charter for Places of Cultural Significance). As outlined in the *Burra Charter*, the criteria considered include aesthetic (including architectural), historical, scientific (or technical), social and spiritual values. These values have been translated into the HERCON Criteria, discussed below.

2.5 Applying the Heritage Overlay

'Applying the Heritage Overlay' August 2018 (Planning Practice Note 1) provides guidance about the use of the Heritage Overlay, including the following:

- What places should be included in the Heritage Overlay?
- What are recognised heritage criteria?
- Writing statements of significance.

The practice note indicates that the HERCON criteria are to be employed when assessing heritage significance.

HERCON Criteria

These widely used criteria were adopted at the 1998 Conference on Heritage (HERCON) and are based on the earlier, and much used, Australian Heritage Commission (now Australian Heritage Council, AHC) criteria for the Register of the National Estate (RNE).

The HERCON criteria are essentially a rationalised (more user-friendly) version of the AHC Criteria (which included different sub-criteria for cultural or natural heritage). It is also noted in the aforementioned practice note that 'The adoption of the above criteria does not diminish heritage assessment work undertaken before 2012 using older versions of criteria.' Reference to the relevant HERCON criteria is outlined at the end of the data sheets. The definition of these criteria are outlined in the following table.

Criterion	Definition
A	Importance to the course, or pattern, of our cultural or natural history (historical significance).
B	Possession of uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of our cultural or natural history (rarity).
C	Potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of our cultural or natural history (research potential)
D	Importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of cultural or natural places or environments (representativeness)
E	Importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics (aesthetic significance).
F	Importance in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period (technical significance).
G	Strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons. This includes the significance of a place to Indigenous peoples as part of their continuing and developing cultural traditions (social significance)
H	Special association with the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance in our history (associative significance).

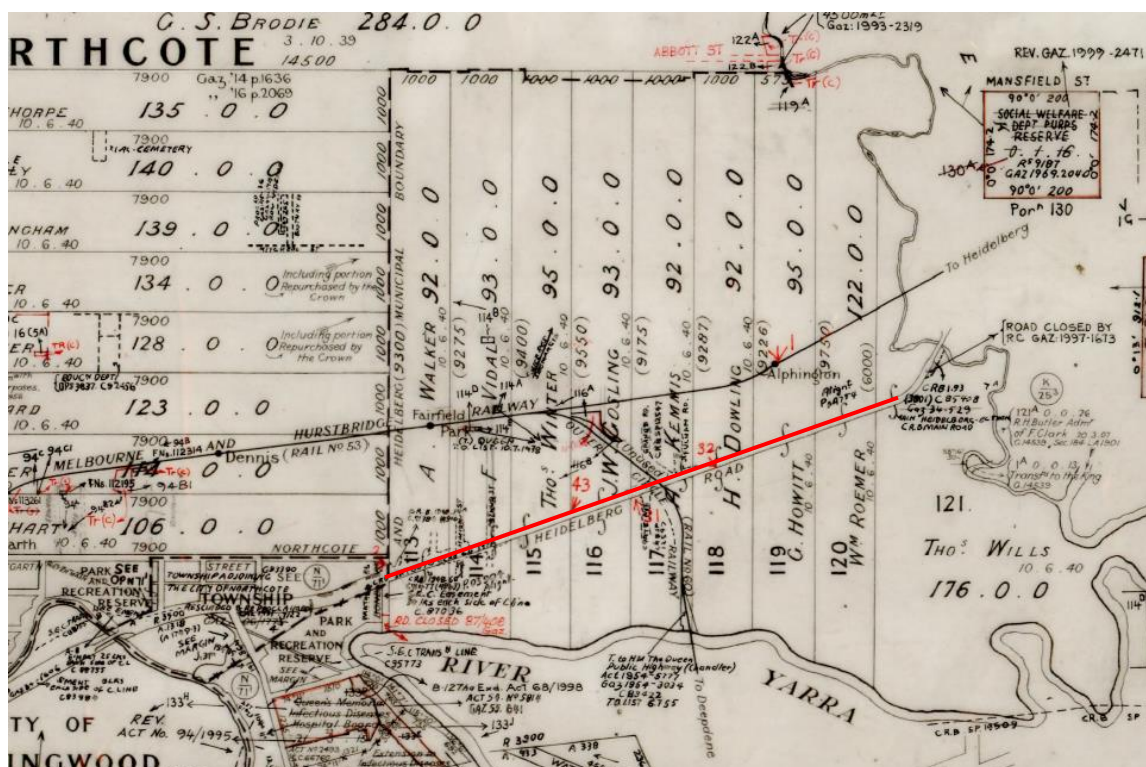
3 STUDY AREA – Overview of Development

3.1 Introduction

The existing heritage studies provide scant information regarding the residential and commercial development within the Heidelberg Road study area, particularly during the 20th century. Due to the lack of background information a brief historical overview has been produced, outlining what is evident from historical aerials and MMBW plans.

3.2 Historical Overview

The study area along Heidelberg Road is located in what was the Parish of Jika Jika. The area includes sections of what is now Fairfield, Alphington and Northcote. During the 1840s the land was divided into a series of narrow allotments with frontages to the Yarra River or Darebin Creek.¹



Part of Parish of Jika Jika J16(5)
 Section of Heidelberg Road within study area (red line)
 (Source: Landata)

From the mid to late 1800s Heidelberg Road functioned as the main thoroughfare for visitors en route to the town of Heidelberg and the shops served those travelling as well as local residents.² This included Fulham Grange, an early farm and vineyard owned by the Perry Brother’s and “Alphington Village,” a resting place for travellers west of the Darebin Creek crossing, established by William Manning in 1854.

In 1900 several shops and retailers occupied the south side of Heidelberg Road. At that time the section of road between Grange Road and Como Street included a butcher, general store, post office and telephone office.³

¹ City of Darebin
² City of Yarra Heritage Review, Allom Lovell & Associates, 1998
³ Sands & McDougall directory, 1900

By 1914, as evident in the following MMBW, some parts of Heidelberg Road had been fairly developed, though other sections were sparsely developed. Early houses and buildings along Heidelberg Road were either timber or masonry (brick or stone), often with smaller outbuildings to the rear.



1914 MMBW Detail Plan 1318
Showing east end of Heidelberg Road - about Yarralea Street, Alphington
(Source: SLV)

By 1931, there was considerable development along Heidelberg Road. For instance, the land between Panther Place and Grange Road consisted of typically narrow, rectangular allotments with some larger, vacant lots.



1931 Aerial, Heidelberg Road - west end of study area (between Panther Place and Grange Road)
(Source: Landata, 1931 Nov - Maldon Prison, Proj. No. 1931, Run 15, Frame 2741)

By 1945, according to the following aerials, a number of light commercial buildings (a combination of shops and warehouses) had been constructed on the south side in this section of the Heidelberg Road. Some smaller parcels had been consolidated into larger sites.



1945 Aerial, Heidelberg Road – west end of study area (between Panther Place and Austin Street)
(Source: Landata, Melbourne and Metropolitan Area Project, Proj. No. 5, Run 27, Frame 59,529)



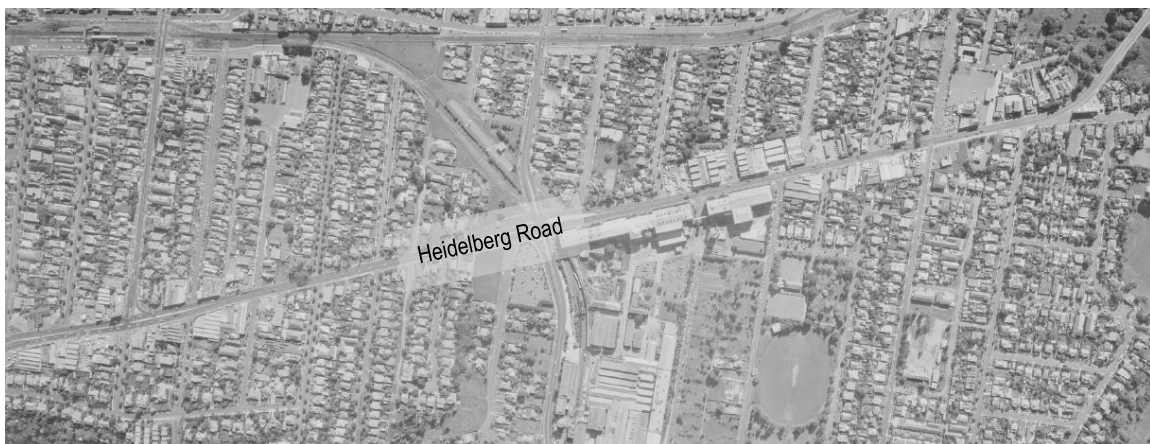
1945 Aerial, Heidelberg Road – east end of study area (between Parkview Road and Lucerne Crescent)
The northern half of Alphington East Precinct (HO362) is evident
(Source: Landata)

By 1956, the concentration of commercial/light industrial sites along parts of Heidelberg Road, similar to the current circumstance, had been established. A number of previously vacant sites had been developed with small warehouses, etc.



1956 Aerial, Heidelberg Road – study area
(Source: Landata, Melbourne Outer Suburbs Project, Pro. No. 250, Run 13, Frame 146)

A 1978 aerial highlights the large number of light commercial buildings that had been constructed along the south side of Heidelberg Road by that time, including at the Paper Mills site.



1978 Aerial, Heidelberg Road – study area
(Source: Landata)

4 FINDINGS

4.1 Introduction

This section outlines the findings regarding the following:

- HO71,
- Places of Potential Heritage Value,
- Other Sites Considered,
- 2 Killop Street, Alphington.

4.2 HO71

It was confirmed that the basalt building at 756-758 Heidelberg Road (HO71) more than adequately meets threshold for local significance.

An updated citation was prepared for HO71 that meets the contemporary standard, refer to Appendix A.

4.3 Places of Potential Heritage Value

Datasheets (refer to Appendix B) have been prepared for five individual places which were considered to be of potential heritage significance. Details of these five sites are outlined in the following table. Of these, three were considered to have strong potential to meet the threshold for local heritage significance (those at nos 358, 730-734, and 760-764), with the other two (nos 460, 774) less so.



On further discussion with Council, only three have been recommended for further work in Stage 2 and were reviewed in regards to built form analysis and recommended controls.





Address – No. (Heidelberg Rd)	Name	Date/Period	Details
358	House & Tyre Outlet	Late 1950s/Postwar	House – Modernist influence Unusual combination of house and adjoining tyre outlet
460	Duncan Rubber Co. Showroom & Warehouse	1956/Postwar	Sawtooth roof forms Intact facades
730-734	Group of 3 shops	1933/Interwar	Single storey buildings with intact shopfronts
760-764	A Cooper Knitting Manufacturer	Mid-1930s/Interwar	Single storey building with intact parapet and most original openings
774	Former Ampol Service station	By 1965/Late 20 th century	Stages of construction not certain Original frame (sign) survives


4.4 Other Sites Considered

The following table outlines the other buildings in the study area which were noted for their potential heritage value. A data sheet was not prepared for this group as they were generally assessed as not having sufficient potential to reach the threshold for local heritage significance.

Of this group, the earlier buildings had been altered to varying degrees, whereas the two late 20th century buildings were largely intact. The latter two, whilst good examples, are difficult to assess in regards to other similar building stock in the municipality as there are few, if any, from this time that have been assessed as having heritage value. This is in part because many such buildings are located within precincts whose significance primarily relates to late 19th century (Victorian), and possibly early 20th century (Federation and/or Interwar) phases of development and so have tended to be graded non-contributory. These two buildings might warrant consideration as part of a latter 20th century review of similar buildings across the municipality.

No.	Details	Image
276	<p>Office building (Wellways)</p> <p>Brutalist style – constructed in 1975 (Yarra Valley sewerage plan). Architect unknown.</p> <p>From 1965 until at least 1971 - occupied by Collins Motors (The Age).</p> <p>Large two storey Brutalist building with a bold rectangular form, bands of textured concrete, and metal-framed windows with brise-soleil (sunshade) to upper level with some intervening textured, cream brick piers to side and rear.</p> <p>Some yellow/gold tinted glass – possibly Stopray range, manufactured by the Glaverbel (Industries) or similar.</p> <p>Intact, good example but only 45 years old and limited appreciation for this type of architecture</p>	
388	<p>Shop/Warehouse (Beds for Backs)</p> <p>Interwar/Art Deco brick garage – ca late 1930s</p> <p>From at least 1933 (Sands) 388-394 is occupied by Elite Knitting Co Pty Ltd</p> <p>1935 MMBW – extant building not evident. Subject site consists of four lots (brick building to two west sites and timber buildings to east side)</p> <p>1945 aerial – extant building evident</p> <p>Curved entrance with original brick steps, JD emblem, rendered parapet, steel hopper windows to recessed west section.</p> <p>Roof truss/sawtooth roof evident through vehicular opening.</p> <p>Façade is considerably altered</p>	

No.	Details	Image
402	<p>Shop (Platform Commercial Furniture)</p> <p>Interwar/brick garage – ca 1940</p> <p>1931 Aerial – structure with a similar building footprint and gabled roofs as extant building</p> <p>From at least 1933 (Sands) – 402-406 is occupied by F W Smith, motor garage</p> <p>1935 MMBW – one brick and one timber building on the front of the site</p> <p>1945 aerial – extant buildings evident</p> <p>Brick parapet with brick capping</p> <p>Large openings introduced to façade, much altered</p> <p>Short return at east end intact</p>	
728	<p>Shop (Take shape)</p> <p>Interwar period</p> <p>Prior to 1945 – no. 728 not listed</p> <p>1945 aerial – site appears vacant</p> <p>1955 – no. 728 is listed and included in nos 726-730</p> <p>1968 image (NAA) – originally had a stepped parapet with steel framed hopper windows. Rosmear Engineering Co. P/L, plumber's requisites, occupy the building (Sands)</p> <p>Much altered facade</p>	
750-754	<p>Pair of shops</p> <p>Federation period – by 1914, possibly earlier</p> <p>1898 – site is possibly occupied by Mrs H Schmidt bakery and occupied by Wm Johnson, baker in 1904 (Sands)</p> <p>1914 MMBW – extant building footprint evident (timber building)</p> <p>1916 – site (then no. 373) is listed as vacant</p> <p>Single storey pair with pyramidal/hip roof. Pair of curved parapets and capped piers, altered openings.</p> <p>Relatively early, distinctive form, but partly altered facades</p>	
782	<p>Factory/Head Office (Machinery Forum)</p> <p>Contemporary two storey brick building constructed in 1981 (Yarra Valley sewerage plan). Architect unknown.</p> <p>1954 – previous factory on subject (782-788) with bluestone buildings</p> <p>1962 – previous factory on subject site. Auction for 'modern factory, store, offices</p> <p>1978 aerial - vacant but site configuration suggested</p> <p>Unusual L-shaped plan and form dictated by site configuration which wraps around no. 774.</p> <p>Distinctive undulating façade to the north west and south west corner. Arched entry door and 'lozenge'-shaped window on the east facade</p>	

No.	Details	Image
	<p>Machinery Forum, since 1956 (website)</p> <p>Intact Late 20th century building with distinctive form, and broadly reflective of Brutalist style</p> <p>Good example but less than 40 years old and limited appreciation for this type of architecture</p>	

4.5 2 Killop Street, Alphington

2 Killop Street is located in the north end of the Alphington East Precinct Heritage Overlay (HO362). This residential precinct is broadly bound by Lucerne Crescent (to the east), Romer Crescent (to the south) and View Street (to the west), however there are some smaller outlier sections.

2 Killop is located in one of the small peripheral sections of HO362 that also includes 59 Yarralea Street. The latter is a weatherboard-clad bungalow with a distinctive oblong opening to the porch.

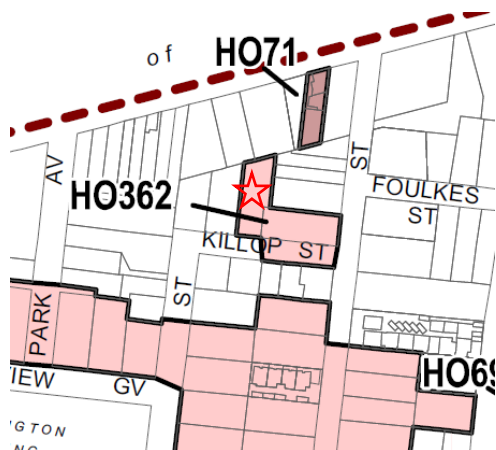
The statement of significance for Alphington East Precinct Heritage Overlay (HO362) is as follows:

Why is it significant?

The precinct is historically and aesthetically significant as a residential enclave, physically contained by the early transport route of Heidelberg Road and the natural barrier of the Yarra River, which was built up in the late Victorian-era and early 20th century as consistent and well preserved house groups in the Italianate, Federation and Californian Bungalow suburban styles, differing to most other parts of the City by their garden setting and deep garden setback. (Criteria A & E)

The precinct is aesthetically significant for the distinctive street layout arising from Manning's early Alphington village subdivision, with its curving base in the form of Roemer Crescent at the Yarra River. (Criterion E)

The precinct is historically significant for the artistic associations of the area as the chosen domain (along with the adjoining Ivanhoe and Heidelberg areas) of many prominent artists and businessmen linked with art and artisan pursuits from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. (Criterion A)



HO362 and 2 Killop Street (star)



2 Killop Street (Nearmap 2019)

2 Killop Street is a single storey house constructed during the late 20th century and consists of a series of rendered cubic forms with a parapet concealing the roof. The colour palette is relatively plain and with teal accents to the trims

and mouldings. The street façade features a curved bay window and a small entrance canopy but is dominated by a double width garage.

To the west at 4 Killop Street is a much altered timber building, probably dating to the Interwar period, which is appropriately not included in the heritage overlay.

The house at 2 Killop Street is an anomaly at the edge of the Alphington East Precinct largely characterised by Victorian, Edwardian and Interwar houses with pitched, gabled or hipped roofs. Prevailing wall types include weatherboard, face pressed brick and stucco wall cladding. Street facing timber verandahs supported by timber posts are also common.⁴ 2 Killop Street was constructed during a latter period and varies greatly in style, form and materials to the graded building stock in the precinct. The building is not related to the significance of the precinct (HO362) and should be omitted.



2 Killop Street – façade/south elevation, included in HO362



4 Killop Street – not included in HO362



59 Yarralea Street – east elevation, included in HO362



59 Yarralea Street – south elevation, included in HO362

⁴ Statement of Significance, Alphington East Precinct (VHD)

5 BUILT FORM REVIEW

5.1 Introduction

Built form guidelines have been developed for the following five sites, two of which are existing heritage overlays (HO71 + HO421) and three proposed heritage places.

- Porta Factory - 224 Heidelberg Road, Fairfield (HO421)
- House (Valeema) & Tyre Outlet - 358 Heidelberg Road, Fairfield
- Group of 3 Shops - 730-734 Heidelberg Road, Alphington
- Former Butcher Shop - 756-758 Heidelberg Road, Alphington (HO71)
- A Cooper Knitting Manufacturer - 760-764 Heidelberg Road, Alphington

5.2 Porta Factory - 224 Heidelberg Road, Fairfield (HO421)

Existing Conditions

The Porta Factory was constructed during the 1920s. The original roof consists of three narrow, gabled roofs and a tall corniced chimney stack in exposed face brick to the south of the building. On the west face is the word 'PORTA', vertically displayed in cream bricks. The Heidelberg Road façade retains the original stepped parapet and consists of a moulded brick capping and paired corbels. The street level façade has four original window openings with multi-paned timber-framed windows, concrete lintels and moulded brick sills and a single course brick plinth. The east (side) elevation retains an original window and moulded brick sill. Nearby is a small, original dormer roof section.

A sympathetic, narrow brick addition (relating to the vehicular entry) constructed after 1945, has been built to the west of the original building extending past and enclosing the area around the brick chimney. The detailing on the street facing parapet matches that of the original section and also includes a corbelled brick eave to the west end. The façade has a single timber-framed window with matching moulded brick sill and a double timber door with vertical boards and concrete lintel. To the west side is a small skillion roofed addition.

The entire street façade has been painted.

The Porta Factory is included within DDO1-j (Map No. 3DDO) of the Yarra Planning Scheme and part of the site constitutes heritage overlay HO421. The heritage overlay includes a small section of the more recently constructed metal clad building to the west. This section is not considered to have heritage significance.

Recommendations

- Retain original, three narrow gable roofs including dormer roof in the north-west corner,
- Retain brick chimney stack including iron bands,
- Maintain a view/sightline of the original cream brick 'PORTA' sign integrated into the west face of the chimney. The sightline would ideally be from the north-west corner of the site and from Heidelberg Road.
- Generally, retain an open space to the rear of the building to allow interpretation of the original roof forms,
- Retain street facades including original stepped parapet and detailing, openings, concrete lintels, multi-paned timber-framed windows and moulded brick sills. Encourage removal of paint to reveal original face brick finish.
- Maintain visibility of the single window on the east (side) elevation. Retain a 5-metre setback from Heidelberg Road and about a 3-metre separation from the east (side) elevation.
- Retain post-1945 narrow, gable roofed brick addition to the west including parapet, openings, windows and doors, and parapet on the street façade. Allow removal of small skillion-roofed structure on the west side.
- Maintain a 3-metre setback from Heidelberg Road and a 3-metre separation from the west (side) elevation of the post-1945 brick addition.

- Allow the removal of the recently constructed metal clad building to the west



Retain single window, lintel and sill on east elevation



Retain view/sightline of integrated 'PORTA' sign on chimney from the street

5.3 House (Valeema) & Tyre Outlet, 358 Heidelberg Road, Fairfield

Existing Conditions

The two storey L-shaped house was built in two stages and consists of the rectangular east half of the building constructed circa late 1950s, and the subsequent west wing and entry porch. The parts are highly intact and integrated. The strong form of the building is most visible from Panther Place from the south and west, where the gable roofs and blank west wall are most evident. Openings and steel-framed windows on the south and west elevations are original elements.



Panther Place (west elevation) – building form and original openings



Park Crescent (south elevation) – original openings

The single storey tyre outlet building is visible from the intersection of Heidelberg Road and Panther Place. The original parapet roof of the tyre outlet and prominent gable roof of the house are visible. On the north-east corner of the tyre outlet building is a chamfered brick corner with original raised street numbers. The upper section of the brick façade features brick courses in a header configuration and a horizontal, shallow recessed panel on the north façade.

Below this is an original garage opening and rendered concrete lintel. On the west façade of the tyre outlet is an original timber door and two large original steel windows. To the front of the site are the location of the petrol bowers is evident.



Heidelberg Road – original parapet roof, openings, doors and windows of tyre outlet. Original bowser pipes to front of site (indicated).



Heidelberg Road – original roof form of house is visible

Recommendations

House (Valeema)

- Limited opportunity for alterations and additions,
- Retain existing building form including gable roofs and entry portico,
- Retain original glazed roof tiles,
- Retain original openings and steel-framed windows,
- Retain existing pattern of openings and minimal window to wall/ratio, to maintain the bold yet restrained aesthetic of the house.

Tyre outlet

- Limited opportunity for alterations and additions,
- Retain original brick parapet,
- Additions should maintain a 2-metre setback from the edge of the parapet,
- Additions should maintain a 2-metre setback from the north face of the house, ensuring the original roof form remains legible,
- Retain original brick detailing including header and rowlock course configurations, shallow recessed panel and small chamfered brick corner with raised signage to the north-west corner,
- Retain original openings, concrete lintel and timber door and steel framed windows on the west façade,
- Retain indications of bowsers to the front of the site,
- Allow removal of lightweight canopy to the west side,
- Retain original street numbers reading '358' and possibly 'Bridgestone tires' sign,
- Opportunity to extensively glaze-in open parts of the site.

5.4 Group of 3 Shops - 730-734 Heidelberg Road, Alphington

Existing Conditions

The group of three shops maintain intact parapets that are visible from Heidelberg Road. The single storey post office building at no. 730 has an original square pediment and capped brick piers, which have been painted. The original hipped roof to the rear of the parapet is visible from Heidelberg Road. Nos 732 and 734 have original plain parapets

that have also been painted. A narrow walkway between no. 730 and no. 732 enables visibility of the east parapet return of no. 730 and the west parapet return of no. 732. The original red brick walls are also evident.



No. 730 – the original parapet, east return and hipped roof are visible from Heidelberg Road



No. 732 – the original parapet and west return are visible from Heidelberg Road

The shopfront of no. 730 is highly intact and retains the original shopfront and symmetrical configuration. This consists of the original recessed entry floor tiles with pressed metal ceiling above, dark green wall tiles and mouldings to the lower section, copper-finish shopfronts and toplight windows with textured/patterned glass.

Nos 732 and 734 retain original shopfronts bearing the name of the manufacturer (Duff) however these have been overpainted. A section of the original horizontal moulding to the west end of no. 732 also survives.



No. 730 – original shopfront



No. 730 – original section of roof visible from Heidelberg Road indicated by the dotted line. Visible parapet returns of nos 730 and 732 indicated by the red arrows (Source: Nearmap)

Recommendations

General

- Retain brick parapets. Encourage paint removal to expose original red brick,
- Retain walkway/separation to front between no. 730 and no. 732 to maintain visibility of the east parapet return of no. 730 and the west parapet return of no. 732. Allow removal/replacement of the brick wall and door leading to the walkway.
- Retain original canopies.

No. 730

- Maintain original gable roof form and visibility from Heidelberg Road. Additions to the first floor and above should retain a 6-metre setback from the street parapet,
- Retain original shopfront configuration and finishes including recessed entry, original floor tiles, pressed metal ceiling, wall tiles and mouldings, copper finish shopfronts and toplight windows with translucent glass.

Nos 732 and 734

- Additions to the first floor and above should retain a 6-metre setback from the street parapet,
- Retain original shopfront joinery. Encourage removal of paint to expose original finishes.

5.5 Former Butcher Shop, 756-758 Heidelberg Road, Alphington (HO71)

Existing Conditions

The two storey building was constructed circa 1860 and is the oldest surviving commercial building of the Alphington Village. The former Butcher Shop has original basalt walls (now overpainted), hipped roof form, rendered moulded parapet, three semi-circular arched windows with brick dressings and keystones to the first level street façade, and a single window with brick dressings to the west (side) elevation.

The building is located at the west end of Heidelberg Road and has a prominent street presence. This is partly due to the low scale massing of the adjacent buildings. The street façade, original parapet and hipped roof are widely visible from the street and the west (side) elevation remains exposed.



The entire west (side) elevation of the former Butcher Shop (HO71) remains exposed



The prominence of the former Butcher Shop (HO71) is evident from the intersection of Heidelberg Road and Yarralea Street
(Source: googlemaps)

Recommendations

- Retain form and visibility of the original hipped roof.
- Retain original basalt walls and plinth. Encourage removal of paint to reveal basalt and brick.
- Retain two storey street façade including three arched openings and timber-framed windows to the first floor with brick dressings and keystones, and moulded parapet and cornice.
- Retain single arched opening and timber-framed window to the first floor of the western (side) elevation.
- A maximum of three storeys to the rear to retain the prominence of the subject building.
- Maintain a minimum 3-metre separation from the west (side) elevation to enable visibility of the original basalt wall and window opening, and legibility of the original building form.
- Retain shopfront wall tiles (contributory element) and encourage removal of paint to expose original finishes.

5.6 A Cooper Knitting Manufacturer, 760-764 Heidelberg Road, Alphington

Existing Conditions

The former factory building is located adjacent to the former Butcher Shop (HO71), in the south-west corner of the intersection of Heidelberg Road and Yarralea Street. The original brick parapet of the former factory building has been painted and consists of capped brick piers and small sections of roughcast render. Sections of original soldier course detailing have been retained below the parapet edge.

A remnant section of an early brick wall to the front of the site is visible from Yarralea Street. The original eastern plane of the narrow, gable roof beyond is also visible from street level.



The original form is visible from the intersection of Heidelberg Road and Yarralea Street



Original roof form and openings along Yarralea Street

The Heidelberg Road façade retains the original chamfered entrance in the north-east corner, three original window openings and timber frames to the east and west window. An original moulding at the west end also survives. The Yarralea Street façade retains original concrete lintels and door and window openings, although three windows at the south end have been truncated and glass bricks added. The timber windows and doors are either original or early additions.



Retain eastern plane of narrow, gable roof
(Source: Nearmap)



Encourage removal of paint and fixed rendered panels on parapet

Recommendations

- Retain original form of parapet and brick detailing,
- Encourage removal of paint on brick walls and parapet to reveal earlier finishes. Encourage removal of non-original panels on parapet,
- Maintain a 6-metre setback from Heidelberg Road,

- Retain front gable roof section,
- Retain the eastern plane of the long, gable roof along Yarralea Street,
- A maximum of three storeys to the rear of the building to retain the prominence of the former Butcher Shop, adjacent to the subject site,
- Maintain street facades including the chamfered entrance, original concrete lintels, openings, timber windows, timber shopfront frames and mouldings, and concrete lintels on the street facades,
- Retain shop canopy,
- Allow the removal/modification of buildings to the west half of the site that are not visible from the road.

APPENDIX A - HO71 Citation

FORMER BUTCHER SHOP (H071)

Address	756-758 Heidelberg Road, Alphington
Significance	Local
Construction Dates	c. 1860
Period	Early Victorian
Date Inspected	2019



Statement of Significance

What is Significant?

The two storey Former Butcher Shop at 756-758 Heidelberg Road, Alphington, constructed circa 1860. Significant aspects include the basalt walls, both front and side elevations (now overpainted), hipped roof, rendered moulded parapet, three semi-circular arched windows to the upper level façade with basalt sills, brick quoining and keystones, and a single window with basalt sill and brick quoining to the west side.

The tiling to the shop front (now overpainted) dates to the early 20th century and is a contributory element. The canopy dates to the mid-20th century and is also a contributory element.

How is it Significant?

The Former Butcher Shop at 756-758 Heidelberg Road, Alphington, is of local historical and aesthetic significance to the City of Yarra.

Why is it Significant?

The Former Butcher Shop is of historical significance as the oldest surviving commercial building of the original Alphington Village, established in the 1850s and 1860s. The village was a small enclave along the main road and served as a stopping point

en-route to Heidelberg. The building was occupied by a succession of butchers from the 1860s to the early 1930s. (Criterion A)

The Former Butcher Shop is of aesthetic significance as a largely intact (apart from the shop front) early-Victorian period commercial building of basalt construction. The building is designed in the Regency style and features a well-composed, symmetrical façade of elegant proportions with pronounced classical detailing such as quoining and keystones (in light of much contemporary architecture). The building demonstrates restrained classical detailing largely in basalt - walls of rock-faced ashlar blocks contrasting with plain-faced (smooth) elements (prominent keystones, sills and the moulded parapet), in combination with brick (possibly cream) quoining to the windows. (Criterion E)

Description

The building at 756-758 Heidelberg Road, Alphington, is a two-storey building with predominantly basalt walls designed in the Regency style. The façade is symmetrically composed and consists of a basalt plinth, three arched windows at first floor and a prominent moulded parapet and cornice that conceals a metal-clad hipped roof.

The Regency style refers to the era in the early 19th century when George IV was Prince Regent and is stylistically characterised by a simplified and restrained elegance. Facades were symmetrically composed and typically consisted of a parapet concealing the roof beyond. This is evident in the balanced arrangement of arched openings and prominent moulded cornice. While stucco was the main material, external masonry walls were often finished in face brickwork with refined and subtle brick detailing. This is reflected in the subtle projections of brick quoining to the windows and outer edges of the facade and visual contrast of brick (possibly cream) and basalt.



Symmetrical first floor features three original arched windows



Shop front

The first floor windows are intact and feature brick quoining, keystones and projecting basalt sills with a smooth finish that contrasts with the rough basalt wall. Projecting keystones and expressed basalt quoining to the edges of the façade, demonstrate a restrained elegance indicative of the Regency style.

The west (side) elevation is exposed and features a single segmental arched window with brick quoining and smooth basalt sill. The timber sash windows are not original however are consistent with the aesthetic of the building. The façade, including the basalt parapet and side elevations have been painted, however it is likely the brick quoining to the windows was originally cream coloured.

The shop front of the subject building has undergone substantial alterations, probably multiple times. The entrance is off centre and there are large timber-framed windows to either side. The lower part of the wall consists of overpainted tiles dating from the early 20th century and the upper section has been rendered. A cantilevered canopy dating from the mid-20th century has replaced the earlier verandah.



View from east



West elevation

Possible Architect

Given the refinement of the façade, it is likely the subject building was architect designed. The possible application of cream brick quoining to windows and doors is a stylistic device evident in the work of prominent Melbourne architects, Crouch and Wilson. The practice was responsible for the design of a number of noted buildings during the Victorian period, including 12 Jolimont Terrace in East Melbourne constructed in 1868. The two storey basalt residence is similar to that of the former Butcher Shop and consists of cream brick quoining and lintels to windows and doors.

The partnership of Crouch & Wilson was formed in 1858 by Thomas James Crouch (1832-89) and Ralph Wilson. Crouch was born in Hobart and was trained by Alexander Dawson. In 1852 he moved to Melbourne and in 1859 formed a partnership with Ralph Wilson. Due to Crouch's Wesleyan background, the practice was engaged to design some 40 churches throughout Victoria, Tasmania and New Zealand. They are particularly noted for their use of brickwork, both polychrome and in combination with basalt.⁵

History

The subject site formed part of Crown Portion 120, Parish of Jika Jika, comprised of 122 acres purchased by Sydney based merchant Charles William Roemer in 1840.⁶ In 1852, the property was acquired by Charles Montagu Manning (Solicitor General of Sydney) who saw potential for establishing a resting place on the way to Heidelberg. Manning subdivided the land into 130 lots of varying sizes, including provision for shops on both sides of Heidelberg Road.⁷ From 1853, lots from the 'Alphington Estate' were being offered for sale.⁸

This fine estate is about three miles from Melbourne, on the high road to Heidelberg. It contains 122 acres of land, subdivided into lots to suit purchasers; and is particularly well adapted for market gardens, villas, etc.⁹

The land was slow to sell however, with only 16 sales by the end of 1856.¹⁰ The map below shows that by 1855 a few buildings had been constructed in Alphington either side of Heidelberg Road. Amongst the earliest buildings were a general store with post office, the Wesleyan Chapel (extant) in Darebin, a bakery, a butcher (subject site) and at least two hotels.¹¹

⁵ Elva Errey, 'Victorian Architectural Ornament 1880-1920', Melbourne University 1972, p332

⁶ Roemer also purchased other land in the Port Phillip District, totalling 847 acres (343 hectares) - A F Pike, 'Charles William Roemer 1799-1874', Australian Dictionary of Biography

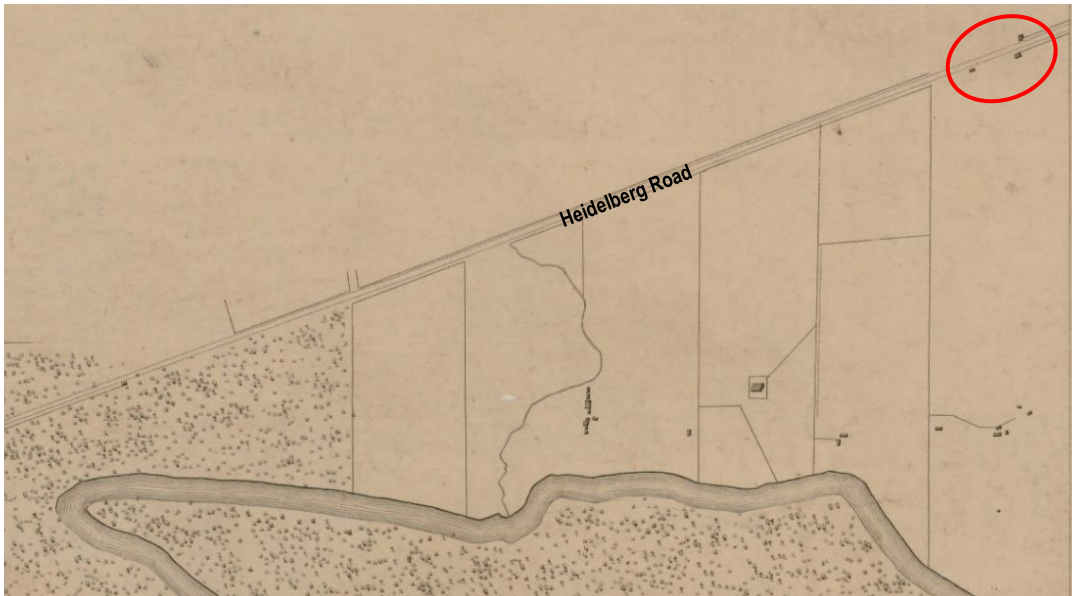
⁷ Andrew Lemon, *The Northcote Side of the River*, 1983, p48

⁸ The Alphington Estate was named after Alphington (near Exeter) in Devonshire, England, the birthplace of Charles Montagu Manning. *The Argus*, 5 April 1854, p9.

⁹ *The Argus*, 8 August 1853, p8

¹⁰ A Lemon, *The Northcote Side of the River*, p48

¹¹ A Lemon, *The Northcote Side of the River*, p48

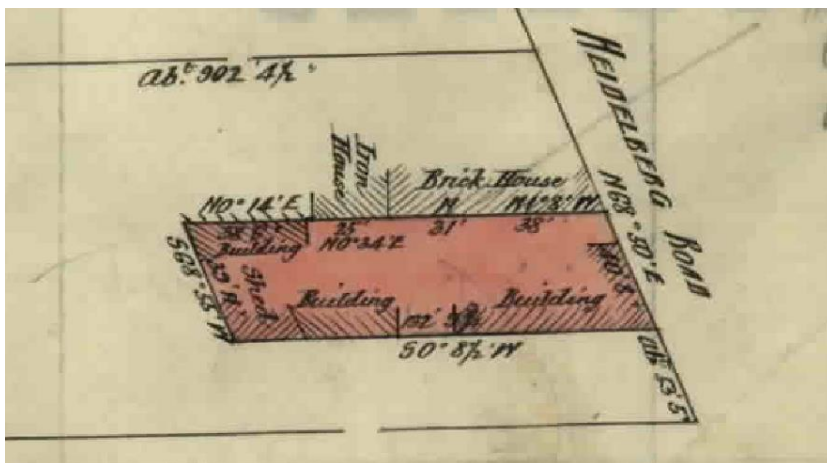


'Melbourne and its suburbs' (compiled by James Kearney, 1855).

Map dated 1855 showing a section of Heidelberg Road in Fairfield and Alphington. The map shows Heidelberg Road largely undeveloped, apart from three buildings (indicated) in the vicinity of the subject site.

(Source: State Library of Victoria)

Land containing the subject site was purchased by John Mason in 1855. The extant two storey basalt building was constructed in the late 1850s or early 1860s. By 1863 it was owned and occupied by the butcher Thomas King(s), and there was a slaughter house and yards to the east.¹² It appears that King also worked as a baker for a period during the 1860s.¹³ During the 1860s, King placed various advertisements for staff in the newspaper, including for 'a steady man as butcher' (February 1863), 'a young lad that can kill and dress sheep' (March 1865), and 'a steady baker' (April 1865).¹⁴ The building is said to have undergone improvements in 1865 and in 1868.¹⁵



Plan of the subject site in 1887 (Heidelberg Road is at right). Hatching indicates the location of buildings.

(Source: Certificate of Title, Vol. 1886 Fol. 194)

¹² Graeme Butler, *City of Northcote Urban Conservation Study*, 1982 (Building Reference Number: 49)

¹³ *The Argus*, 25 April 1865, p1; Sands and McDougall's Street Directories 1866+1867

¹⁴ *The Argus*, 3 February 1863, p1 (the reference to 'J' C King in the advertisement appears to be in error); *The Argus*, 8 March 1865, p1; *The Argus*, 25 April 1865, p1.

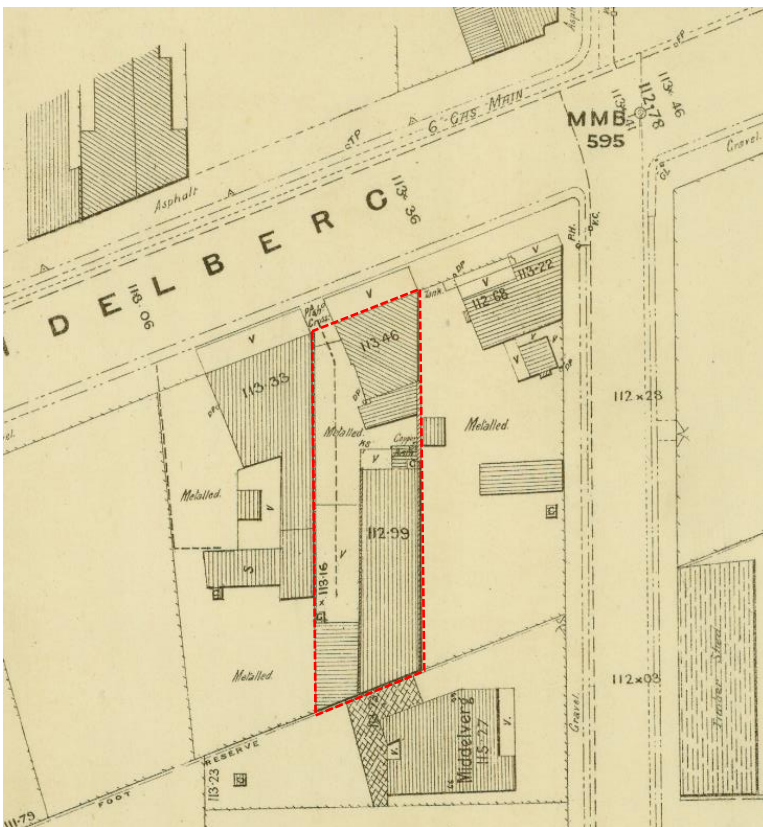
¹⁵ Graeme Butler, *City of Northcote Urban Conservation Study*, 1982 (Building Reference Number: 49)

Around 1879, the subject site was purchased by John Woolcock, butcher of Johnston Street Collingwood¹⁶ - the Torrens title was obtained by Woolcock in 1887.¹⁷ The 1887 title plan shows a building at the front of the site in the location of the subject building, as well as buildings on the east boundary and a building at the rear on the west boundary.

It appears that John Woolcock occupied the building for several years following the purchase. John Woolcock died in 1912, and the property was retained by members of the Woolcock family until 1959, after which time there have been various owners.¹⁸

From about 1890 to the early 1930s, the shop was leased to various butchers, including Ferrar Phillips (c.1890-1904), Charles W Phillips (1905-1912), Frederick R Vizard (1913-1915), Alfred Helm (1917-1919), and A E Wortley (1920-c.1930). After this time, the use of the site changed – in the 1930s and 1940s it was occupied by fruiterers, first William Eldridge and later L Buffington, and from the 1950s to the 1970s by confectioners including S C Gailey, S Brown, B Gaynor, I S Martin and K Papas.¹⁹

The MMBW plan of 1914 shows the footprints of the buildings at the subject site at that time. The extant basalt building is shown with a front verandah and additional masonry and timber sections attached behind (probably single storey, now removed). Large timber buildings and a covered area are shown in the rear yard, with access from Heidelberg Road provided on the west side of the site. The building footprints are consistent with those in the 1945 aerial photograph.

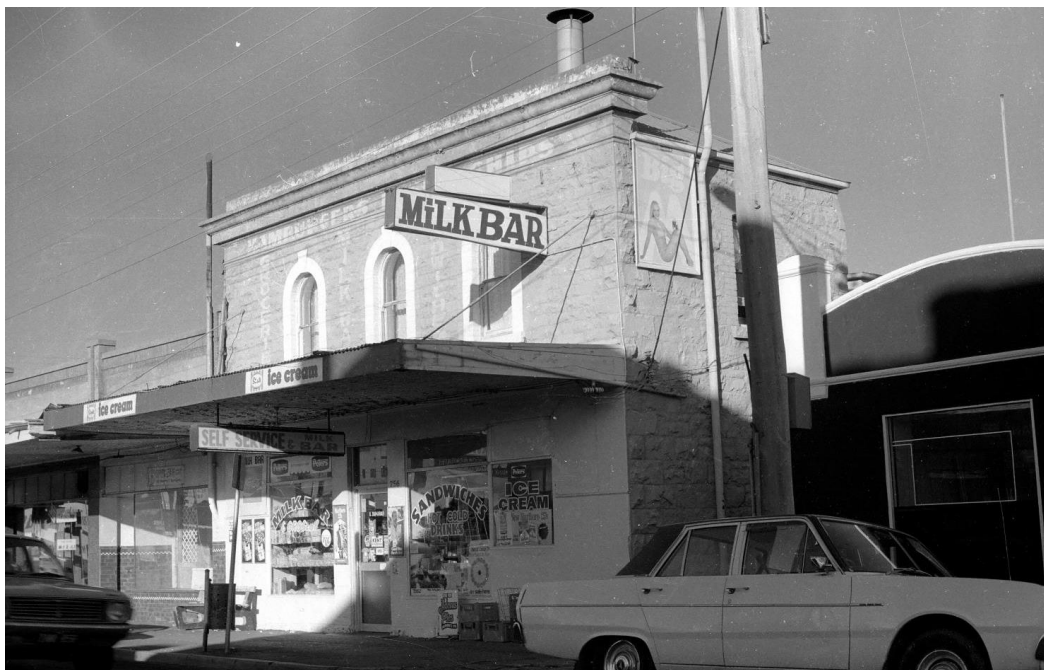


MMBW Detail Plan No. 1318, dated 1914
(Source: State Library of Victoria)

¹⁶ Graeme Butler, *City of Northcote Urban Conservation Study*, 1982 (Building Reference Number: 49)
¹⁷ Certificate of Title, Vol. 1886 Fol. 194
¹⁸ Certificate of Title Vol. 5698 Fol. 563
¹⁹ Sands and McDougall's Street Directories



Aerial photograph dated December 1945
(Source: Landata, Melbourne and Metropolitan Area Project, Proj. No. 5, Run 27, Frame 59523)



Photograph dated 1982
(Source: Darebin Archives LHRN3652)

By the 1980s, the front verandah had been replaced with a cantilevered canopy and the basalt walls had been painted. Between 2013 and 2016, the rear part of the site behind the basalt building was redeveloped.

Comparative Analysis

Details of most of the buildings dating to the 1850s and 1860s with an individual heritage overlay in the City of Yarra are summarised in the following table. Several are constructed in basalt with others being of brick and timber. Only a few display the influence of the Regency style, primarily HO183 + HO121 (both houses), or have some classicising detailing. The main shop buildings on Victoria Street, Abbotsford (Nos 295+511) are less articulated examples. In light of this, it can be said that the subject building is a rare and distinguished example of its type in the municipality.

HO	Name & Address	Date	Details
HO3 (VHR H654)	Former Grosvenor Common School 2 Bond Street, Abbotsford	1863	Two storey brick with some basalt to ground floor
HO227	House 6 Bosisto Street, Richmond	1858	Single storey basalt, coursed and quarry faced, cornice and parapet. Some Regency style influence
HO102	House 10-16 Derby Street, Collingwood	1868-69	Two storey bi-chrome brick, rendered cornice/parapet
HO13	House 13 Grosvenor Street, Abbotsford	1867	Single storey brick cottage, gable roof
HO14	House 19 Grosvenor Street, Abbotsford	Pre-1864	Single storey timber cottage, gable roof
HO268	Roeberry House 3 Hull Street, Richmond	1861	Two storey rendered stone with some classicising detailing
HO270	House 72 Kent Street, Richmond	1865	Single storey basalt cottage, gable roof Later verandah detailing
HO27	House 233 Langridge Street, Richmond	Pre-1870	Single storey brick, hipped roof, symmetrical Has some Italianate detailing including cornice
HO275	Warehouse 41 Madden Grove, Richmond	Circa 1860s (?)	Single storey basalt with red and cream brick detailing
HO115	Houses x2 12 Napoleon Street, Collingwood	Pre-1858 (?)	Single storey basalt, rendered façade, hipped roof
HO38	Houses x2 39 Nicholson Street, Abbotsford	1868-69	Part single, part two storey basalt with rendered façade, gable roofs
HO183 (VHR H172)	Royal Terrace 50-68 Nicholson street, Fitzroy	Circa 1860	Three storey, Regency style – basalt and render
HO121	Houses 37 Oxford Street, Collingwood	1869	Two storey brick, brown brick with cream brick quoining + dressings, concealed roof. Regency style
HO122	Houses 39-41 Oxford Street, Collingwood	Pre-1858	Pair of single, storey timber cottages with gable roofs
HO56	Shop 295 Victoria Street, Abbotsford	1868	Two storey, rendered masonry corner building with parapet concealing roof, limited detailing
HO61	Shop 511 Victoria Street, Abbotsford	1860	Two storey, red-brown brick corner building, with rendered parapet concealing roof, limited detailing

Condition

Good

Integrity

Largely intact

Previous Assessment

City of Northcote Urban Conservation Study (Graeme Butler, 1982) – Recommended for state and local listing.

City of Yarra Heritage Review (Allom Lovell and Associates, 1998) – Graded 'B'²⁰ and recommended for heritage overlay controls

Heritage Overlay Schedule Controls

External Paint Controls	No
Internal Alteration Controls	No
Tree Controls	No
Outbuildings and/or Fences	No

Extent of Heritage Overlay

The proposed extent of the heritage overlay would be to maintain the current heritage overlay (HO71) as indicated.



Recommended extent of Heritage Overlay
(Source: Nearmap, April 2019)

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Three gradings were used in the study: 'A' (primary significance – state level), 'B' (primary significance – local level) and 'C' (contributory significance – local level)

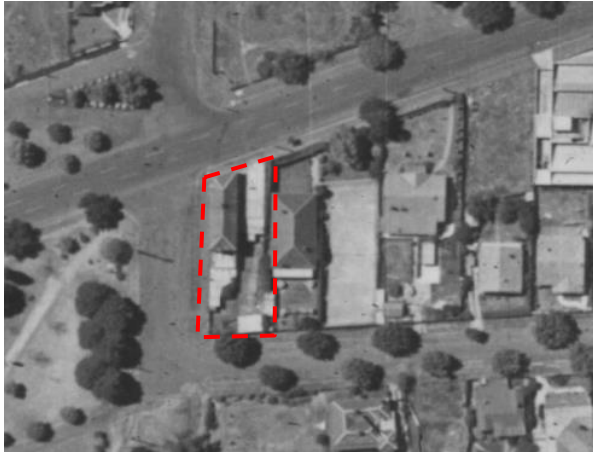
APPENDIX B – Data Sheets

No.	Address	Name
1	358 Heidelberg Road, Fairfield	House (<i>Valeema</i>) & Tyre Outlet
2	460 Heidelberg Road, Fairfield	Duncan Rubber Co. Showroom & Warehouse
3	730-734 Heidelberg Road, Alphington	Group of 3 shops
4	760-764 Heidelberg Road, Alphington	A Cooper Knitting Manufacturer
5	774 Heidelberg Road, Alphington	Former Ampol Service station

HOUSE (VALEEMA) & TYRE OUTLET

Address 358 Heidelberg Road, Fairfield

Previous Assessment N/A



1945 aerial showing earlier timber buildings on the subject site (Source: Landata)



Nearthmap 2019

History

- In 1935 several timber framed buildings (probably a house and outbuildings) were located on the subject site. At that stage Panther Place was known as Bond Street. In 1938 no. 358 was occupied by Miss A R Williams, confectioner.¹
- In 1945 several structures are apparent on the site however the extant buildings are not evident.²
- In 1945 no. 358 was occupied Mrs E F Chappel and in 1950 was occupied by Chas H Chappell.³ The garage is not listed in 1950.
- By 1955 no. 358 had two listings - Lincoln Tyre Service, motor tyres and Mrs E Z Chappell.⁴
- The extant house and tyre outlet were constructed in stages. It is likely the first part of the house and tyre service were constructed during this period.
- A 1956 aerial⁵ shows part of the extant house to the south of the site and part of the extant tyre outlet to the north of the site.
- In 1960 no. 358 is listed as Fairfield Tyre Service. R A Cutts is also listed as occupying the site.⁶
- Alterations: A western wing and entrance gable have been added to the house and the tyre outlet may have been extended to the south. Painted signage has been added to the street facades of the tyre outlet.

¹ Sands & McDougall directory, 1938

² 1945 Dec - Landata, Melbourne and Metropolitan Area Project, Proj. No. 5, Run 27, Frame 59529

³ Sands & McDougall directory, 1945-1950

⁴ Sands & McDougall directory, 1955

⁵ 1956 Feb - Landata, Melbourne Outer Suburbs Project, Pro. No. 250, Run 13, Frame 146

⁶ Sands & McDougall directory, 1960



Panther Street (west) elevation



House – Park Crescent (primary) façade
Junction between original (right) and additions (left)



Tyre outlet



Tyre outlet

Description

- No. 358 is located at the intersection of Heidelberg Road and Panther Place. A two storey Post-WWII period dwelling with an L-shaped footprint is located to the south of the site with frontages to Panther Place and Park Crescent. The painted brick building is indicative of the period with its uncomplicated form and consists of two low-pitched intersecting gable roofs and a single storey entrance gable on the Park Crescent façade with a small sign 'Valeema'.⁷ Original elements such as the steel windows and glazed roof tiles remain.
- It is likely that the house was built in two stages as discerned by the slightly different colour tiling to the roof sections (west wing and entry porch) and a break in the brickwork.
- A single storey garage/tyre outlet adjoins the dwelling to the north. The brick building is largely rectangular in footprint, with a chamfered north-west corner. The brick walls and parapet roof have been painted. Large steel framed windows and roller door openings are located on the north and west facades. A brick flange at the north-east corner accommodates a street number (probably original). awning/carport extends from the south end of the west façade.
- A frame mounted 'Bridgestone tires' sign has been installed on the roof (possibly at an early stage). Original bowser pipes remain to the front of the site.
- Condition: poor fair good
- Intactness: poor fair good

Comparative

- No ready comparison for this combination.

⁷ The derivation of the name is uncertain, possibly an adaptation of Walima – banquet part of traditional Islamic wedding.

- 28-30 Johnston Street, Collingwood (part of HO324, Johnston Street Precinct). Not significant. Basic brick garage constructed in 1960s-70s.

HERCON Criteria

Criterion	Detail	Applicability
A	Historical	The two storey brick house and tyre outlet are representative of the Post-WWII period activity along the Heidelberg Road, which has long been a major thoroughfare with pockets of commercial/industrial development.
E	Aesthetic	Intact and unusual example of a combined house and adjoining tyre outlet on a prominent corner site, probably built in stages during the 1950s.

Recommendations

It is considered that the place has strong potential to meet the threshold for local significance and is recommended for further assessment during Stage 2.

DUNCAN RUBBER CO. SHOWROOM & WAREHOUSE

Address 460 Heidelberg Road, Fairfield

Previous Assessment N/A



1945 aerial showing earlier buildings on the subject site
(Source: Landata)



1978 aerial showing the extant building
(Source: Landata)

History

- In 1945 the site was occupied by three small buildings with verandahs along Heidelberg Road, and larger rectangular sections with chimneys to the rear.¹
- From 1945 to 1950, nos 460-464 (the subject site) was occupied by various individuals and retail shops. In 1945 Mrs L A Crocker, fruiterer is listed at no. 460 and Mrs S Connor, a grocer, is listed at no. 464. In 1950 T Robbins occupied a factory situated at no. 464 and rubber goods manufacturer, Duncan Rubber Co. occupied no. 462.
- From 1955 to 1965 nos. 460-464 (the subject site) was occupied solely by rubber goods manufacturers, Duncan Rubber Co Py Ltd.² The site appears vacant in a 1956 aerial of the site,³ and it is likely the extant building was constructed soon after for the company.
- The extant building is evident in a 1978 aerial.⁴
- Alterations: The original materials have been painted and tile cladding has been added to the chamfered corner entry at street level.

¹ 1945 Dec - Landata, Melbourne and Metropolitan Area Project, Proj. No. 5, Run 27, Frame 59523

² Sands & McDougall directory, 1955-1965

³ 1956 Feb - Landata, Melbourne Outer Suburbs Project, Pro. No. 250, Run 13, Frame 146

⁴ 1978 Apr - Landata, Western Port Foreshores, Proj. No. 1716, Run 3, Frame 105



Heidelberg Road (north) elevation



Arthur Street (east) elevation



Sawtooth roof forms from Heidelberg Road



Steel framed windows on the Arthur Street (east) facade

Description

- The two storey brick building is located at the intersection of Heidelberg Road and Arthur Street and is currently occupied by a tile company. The entrance to the building is located on a chamfered corner to the north-east edge of the site. The Heidelberg Road façade has a brick sections at either end with a partial return to Arthur Street.
- The Heidelberg Road façade is divided into four bays by a series of steel girders. The ground floor features four large rectangular windows while the first floor consists of four large tripartite timber windows with wide mullions. Unusually horizontal timber board cladding spans between the steel girders. The chamfered corner is articulated in a similar manner.
- The original cream brick colour employed to the street elevations has been recently painted (evident on Google streetview). Original openings with multi-paned steel framed windows and brick sills remain at ground and first floor level and prominent rainwater heads are recessed at street level. The rear (south) façade retains the original red brick facade and cream brick quoining to the south west corner of the building.
- The sawtooth roofs are highly visible and highlight the function of the building, and is unusual in this largely suburban context.
- Condition: poor fair good
- Intactness: poor fair good

Comparative

- Few buildings of the Post WWII period are probably noted as contributory but several are located in precincts whose significance relates to earlier periods (Victorian, Federation and Interwar).
- An example at 409-429 Gore Street, Fitzroy (part of HO334, South Fitzroy Precinct). Not contributory. Two storey, brick factory, now painted also, constructed during 1960s. It has long banks of metal framed windows and recessed glazed entry.

HERCON Criteria

Criterion	Detail	Applicability
A	Historical	Representative of the Post-WW II period and the expansion of commercial development in the Heidelberg Road area during the 1950s.
E	Aesthetic	Intact example of a two-storey Postwar period factory built on a prominent corner site with sawtooth roof forms. The brick building is distinguished by the expression of steel girders, large expanses of glazing and combination of materials including timber boards. Original openings, timber and steel windows remain intact.

Recommendations

It is considered that the place has potential to meet the threshold for local significance and could be further assessed during Stage 2.

GROUP OF 3 SHOPS

Address 730-734 Heidelberg Road, Alphington

Previous Assessment N/A



1945 Aerial
(Source Landata)



Nearmap 2019

History

- In 1933 the subject site at nos 730-734 was vacant.¹
- In 1933, nos 730-734 were listed as occupied.² This includes R Nickless, fruiterer at no. 730 and E J March, bootmaker at no. 734.
- The extant buildings at nos 730-734 appear in a 1945 aerial.³ A hipped gable roof is situated to the front of the three sites with narrower buildings and minor structures to the south of no. 732 and 734.
- By 1968, the Alphington Post Office was located no. 730.⁴ The building continues to operate as a Post Office.



Heidelberg Road elevation – no. 734 (left) and no. 732 (right)



Heidelberg Road elevation – no. 730 (left) and no. 728 (right)

¹ MMBW Plan 116, dated ca 1933

² Sands & McDougall directory, 1933

³ 1945 Dec - Landata, Melbourne and Metropolitan Area Project, Proj. No. 5, Run 27, Frame 59523

⁴ National Archives of Australia, 1968



1968 Heidelberg Road elevation – no. 730 (Alphington Post Office)
(Source: NAA)



Shopfront – no. 730



Description

- The group of three Interwar period shops at nos 730-734 Heidelberg Road are each located on a narrow allotment.
- Nos 732-734 are a single storey brick pair of shops with a plain parapet that conceals two metal clad hipped gable roofs. To the rear of no. 732 is a narrow outbuilding and a timber shed. The two structures appear in a 1945 aerial and are possibly original.

The street facades are identical and for the most part retain original shopfronts. The badge of the manufacturer (Duff) survives on each shopfront however these have been overpainted. The configuration of the shopfronts and detailing of the parapet is typical of the Interwar period and despite having been painted, are intact.

- No. 730 is single storey brick building and is more elaborate than nos. 732-734. The stepped parapet features a square pediment and capped brick piers at either end. The original configuration of the shopfront remains and features a central recessed tiled entry with pressed metal ceiling, copper-finish shopfronts and dark green tiles and mouldings to the lower section.
- Condition: poor fair good
- Intactness: poor fair good

Comparative

- Interwar period shops have probably not been well assessed in some precincts if the period of significance relates primarily to earlier periods, Victorian and Federation.
- 207 Bridge Road, Richmond (part of HO310, Bridge Road Precinct). Not contributory. Single storey brick shop constructed in 1930. Altered shopfront though Roman brown brick pier intact.
- 160 Johnston Street, Collingwood (part of HO324, Johnston Street Precinct). Not contributory. Single storey brick, paired shops with stepped parapet and recessed shopfronts. Largely intact.

HERCON Criteria

Criterion	Detail	Applicability
A	Historical	Representative of the Interwar period and the expansion of commercial development in the Heidelberg Road area.
E	Aesthetic	Intact group of single-storey Interwar period buildings. The brick buildings feature original parapets and intact shopfronts.

Recommendations

It is considered that the place has strong potential to meet the threshold for local significance and is recommended for further assessment during Stage 2.

A COOPER KNITTING MANUFACTURER

Address 760-764 Heidelberg Road, Alphington

Previous Assessment N/A



1945 Aerial



Nearthmap, 2019

History

- In 1914 the subject site at the intersection of Heidelberg Road and Yarra Street (now Yarralea Street) was occupied by timber-framed structures with a frontage to Heidelberg Road.¹ Smaller timber structures were situated to the middle of the site.
- Mrs Mary Kennedy, grocer, occupied no. 383 (the subject site) from at least 1916 to 1921.²
- Various occupants are listed as occupying no. 383 during the 1920s – early 1930s. In 1922, no. 383 is occupied by Ryan James, hairdresser and tobacconist. The building later functions as a billiard saloon from 1925-1931.³
- The timber structures remained on the site until at least 1933.⁴ (At this stage Yarra Street had been renamed Sutton Street however Street Directories maintain Yarra Street until 1942 at which stage it is renamed Yarralea Street).
- In 1933, no. 383 was renumbered as nos 760-764. No. 760 was listed as vacant while no. 762 and no. 764 were occupied by D Nicholson, hairdresser and J Harris, billiard saloon.⁵ In 1935 no. 760 was occupied by F Fletcher, boot repairer, no. 762 was listed as vacant and no. 764 was occupied by D Nicholson, hairdresser.⁶
- A Cooper, knitted goods manufacturer occupied no. 764 in 1938 and 1945⁷ for who the extant building was probably constructed.
- The extant building, with the exception of a few minor structures to the west of the site is evident in a 1945 aerial of the site.⁸ The site consisted of small gabled roof forms to the north of the site with narrower gabled roof forms to the rear.
- Alterations: The central window on the Heidelberg Road façade has been modified and the original façade has been repainted. Rendered panels have been added to the parapet. The southern windows on the east elevation have been truncated in height.

¹ MMBW Detail Plan 1318, dated 1914

² Sands & McDougall directory, 1919-1921

³ Sands & McDougall directory, 1925-1931

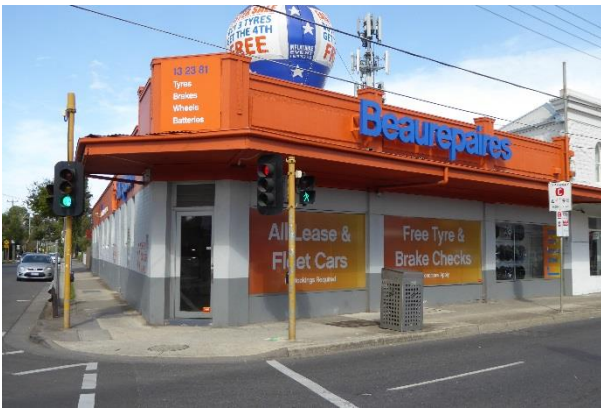
⁴ MMBW Plan 116, dated ca 1933

⁵ Sands & McDougall directory, 1933

⁶ Sands & McDougall directory, 1935

⁷ Sands & McDougall directory, 1938, 1945

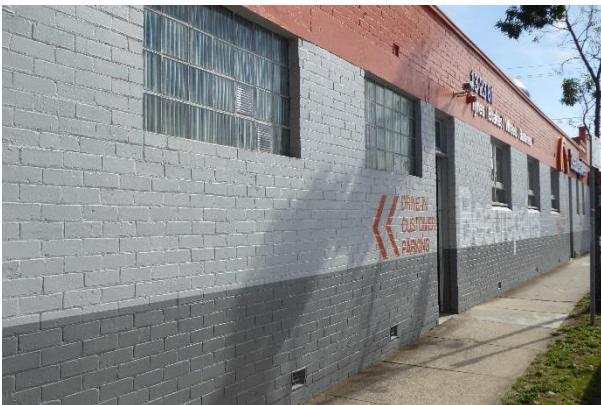
⁸ 1945 Dec - Landata, Melbourne and Metropolitan Area Project, Proj. No. 5, Run 27, Frame 59523



Heidelberg Road (north) elevation



1982 image – showing original parapet detailing



Yarralea Street (east) elevation



Yarralea Street (east) elevation

Description

- The single storey brick building is located on the corner of Heidelberg Road and Yarralea Street. The entrance is located on a chamfered north-east corner.
- The building consists of diverse roof sections indicating some staged construction on the site and typically clad with metal sheeting.
- A brick parapet features on the Heidelberg Road facade with a partial return to Yarralea Street. The parapet consists of capped brick piers that extend through the parapet and small sections of roughcast render. Original contrasting brick elements such as soldier course detailing below the parapet edge has been painted. The south and east facades are relatively plain.
- Concrete lintels and the original pattern of openings remain on the street facades and the outermost windows on the Heidelberg façade retain their original timber mouldings. The north end of the Yarralea Street façade features original timber windows with brick sills. Further south glass bricks have been introduced into the truncated openings.
- Condition: poor fair good
- Intactness: poor fair good

Comparative

- Interwar period factories/warehouses have probably not been well assessed in some precincts if the period of significance relates primarily to earlier periods, Victorian and Federation.
- 33 Spensley Street, Clifton Hill (part of HO316, Clifton Hill East Heritage Overlay). Not significant. Brick factory/warehouse, now units constructed in 1925. Façade largely intact.

HERCON Criteria

Criterion	Detail	Applicability
A	Historical	Representative of the Interwar period and commercial development in the Heidelberg Road area during the late 1930s.
E	Aesthetic	Intact example of a single-storey Interwar period building built on a prominent corner site. The brick building is distinguished by its parapet and projecting piers, and articulated with a combination of smooth and rough cast render. Original pattern of openings remains intact with some change to the windows.

Recommendations

It is considered that the place has strong potential to meet the threshold for local significance and is recommended for further assessment during Stage 2.

FORMER AMPOL SERVICE STATION

Address 774-780 Heidelberg Road, Alphington

Previous Assessment N/A



1978 Aerial



Nearmap, 2019

History

- In 1933¹ several timber-framed structures were located on the subject site and by 1945² multiple structures were evident on the site. Some of the structures are visible in 1954.³
- In 1955, no. 774 is not listed.
- In 1956 several structures were situated on the east half of the site while the remainder of the site consisted of a large grassed area. The extant building is not evident.⁴
- In 1960 Richardson & Kirwan Pty Ltd operated a 'used trucks' business from the site⁵
- In 1965 no. 778 is listed as Ampol Service Station.
- The subject building is evident in a 1978 aerial of the site.⁶ The roof form is slightly different from the existing roof however the building footprint is the same. The entire site appeared to be paved.

¹ MMBW Plan 116, dated ca 1933

² 1945 Dec - Landata, Melbourne and Metropolitan Area Project, Proj. No. 5, Run 27, Frame 59523

³ 1954 Mar - Landata, Melbourne and Metropolitan Project No. 3, Proj. No. 174, Run 19, Frame 42

⁴ 1956 Feb - Landata, Melbourne Outer Suburbs Project, Pro. No. 250, Run 13, Frame 146

⁵ Sands & McDougall directory, 1960

⁶ 1978 Apr - Landata, Western Port Foreshores, Proj. No. 1716, Run 3, Frame 105



Yarralea Street (west) elevation



Heidelberg Road - west wing



Heidelberg Road – east end



Signage in north-west corner

Description

- The single storey Postwar service station is located on the corner of Heidelberg Road and Yarralea Street. The building is located to the rear south-east corner of the site and comprises an east and a west wing. A sign, whose frame is probably original, is located in the north-west corner of the site while the remainder of the site is concreted.
- The skillion roof forms are a distinctive feature of the building. The west wing consists of a metal-clad roof and external wall that ‘wraps’ around the building while the east wing consists of a cantilevered roof supported on thin columns, forming a carport. The north facades have a combination of infill panelling and glazing.
- The original brick wall on the south facade remains however some openings have been modified.
- Condition: poor fair good
- Intactness: poor fair good

Comparative

- It seems no service station has been identified as contributory to a precinct, or individually significant, in the municipality. This may be the most intact, relatively early example.
- 206-208 Johnston Street, Fitzroy (part of HO334, South Fitzroy Precinct). Not contributory. Had been a similar type but altered/rebuilt.
- 786-794 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy North (part of HO327, North Fitzroy Precinct). Not contributory. Similar scale/type which may be (partly) intact.

HERCON Criteria

Criterion	Detail	Applicability
A	Historical	Representative of the Postwar period and the expansion of commercial development in the Heidelberg area during the early 1960s.
E	Aesthetic	Intact example of a Postwar period service station built on a prominent corner site. The building is distinguished by its skillion roof forms which are evocative of the period.

Recommendations

It is considered that the place has potential to meet the threshold for local significance and could be assessed during Stage 2.