

The Post Office and the group of shops on Heidelberg Road Statement of Significance

Heritage Place:	730-734 (including 730A) Heidelberg Road, Alphington	PS ref no:	HO451
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Figure 1: The Post Office, 730 Heidelberg Road, Alphington



Figure 2: 730A (right), 732 (Centre) and 734 (left) Heidelberg Road, Alphington

What is significant?

The group of three Interwar period shops at 730-734 Heidelberg Road, Alphington, constructed circa 1922.

Significant aspects of the shops include the brick walls and parapets (now painted), hipped roof forms (largely concealed), street canopies including original soffit linings, the configuration of the shopfronts, shopfront joinery and finishes, tiled mouldings to the west end of no. 732, the recessed entrance of no. 730 including floor tiles, mouldings, pressed metal ceiling and toplights with textured glass. In addition, the original side access to no. 730 (now 730A) as it extends to the depth of the front hipped roof of no. 732, where the intact (unpainted) return walls remain visible.

How is it significant?

The group of three shops at 730-734 Heidelberg Road, Alphington are of local historical and aesthetic significance to the City of Yarra.

Why is it significant?

The group of three shops at 730-734 Heidelberg Road, Alphington are of historical significance to the City of Yarra as one of the few remnant intact buildings that denote the Interwar period phase of development in this part of Heidelberg Road area (Alphington Village) during the early 1920s, when building activity increased, including much redevelopment, and the area's commercial function was consolidated. Whilst no. 734 was not purpose built as a post office, it has functioned as such for about half a century. (Criterion A)

The group of three shops are aesthetically significant as an intact group of single-storey, brick Interwar period commercial buildings. Whilst modest in scale, they retain their original parapets and unusually their original shopfronts, two of which were manufactured by Duff (nos 732-734), with the other (no. 730) being notable for intact canopy, the copper finish to its framing and green tiles to the stallboard. (Criterion E)

Primary source

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