

Significance

Architecturally a skillfully designed, well-preserved and extensive early theatre and shops complex in the Edwardian Baroque manner which is a major corner element in an important Edwardian commercial strip. It is also linked with the Theatre Place shops which provide an unusual urban space compared to the typical Edwardian strips elsewhere in the state: of state importance.

Historically it is linked with the Camberwell builder and entrepreneur, F R Green but more important is the role it played in local life as a public hall and for the interesting combination of shopfronts and hall (rather than theatre) and the creation of a 'Theatre Place'. The theatre and its later cinema role predate many of the surviving purpose-designed cinemas of the 1920s and 1930s: of regional importance.

Shops, 123-125 Maling Road.



Study Grading: B
Precinct: 22.00 Streetscape: 1
Construction Date: 1911
First Owner: Yinder, Rose

History

Rose Yinder, of Great Davis Avenue, South Yarra, owned part of Crown Allotment 11, Maling Road in 1911.¹ In that year Yinder commissioned builder, D. Swan and Company, to construct two shops with dwellings on Allotment 11.² The two-storey shops were of brick with iron roofs and

were completed in 1912.³ No. 123 had six rooms and No. 125 seven rooms.⁴ Yinder had sold both shops by the early 1920s.⁵ By 1919 Walter Gathercole had purchased 125 Maling Road, where he ran a butchers shop and E.E. Le Lievre purchased 123 Maling Road in 1923.⁶ Both properties were owned by Walter Gathercole of Bon Beach by 1945.⁷

A variety of businesses were initially conducted at 123 Maling Road, first by James Jackson, a tailor, in 1912, then by George Williams, a grocer, in 1913, and by 1919 it had become a dress-making college run by Misses O. and S. Freeman.⁸ By 1925 the shop was the site of Robert Williams dairy produce business.⁹ During the 1930s and 1940s W.H. Prider continued to conduct the dairy produce business here.¹⁰ T.R. Mulvaney had purchased the business by 1950.¹¹ By 1962, K. & J. Appel occupied the site, running a delicatessen.¹²

No. 125 Maling Road began as a butchers shop in 1912 and was still a butchers shop in the 1960s.¹³ Apart from a time in the early 1920s, it always had a Gathercole as proprietor; Walter Gathercole from 1912 until the early 1920s and J. Gathercole from the late 1920s until at least 1962.¹⁴

Description

Two-storey, rough-cast stucco and red brick shops and residences, this pair has unusual oriels and segment-arched parapet motifs. The parapet cornice is more conservative, matching the string-mould below, but the balls, set on pedestals which survive on the parapet, indicate unusually high integrity to construction period.

The metal-framed shopfronts are original, together with the white glazed tiling, and the post-supported verandahs are also near intact, given missing ornament. Colours are empathetic to the period.

Comparative Examples

The following Camberwell sites may be compared with this site.

756-768, BURKE ROAD, 1905c
770-792, BURKE ROAD, 1909-10
108-112, MALING ROAD, 1915c
123-125, MALING ROAD, 1915c
1-5, THEATRE PLACE, 1910c
351-353, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1915c

- 1 RB1911-12, 1518; MMBW DPR 79456
- 2 BR1911, 1573; RB1912-13, 1530, 1531
- 3 *ibid.*; MMBW DPR 79456
- 4 RB1912-13, 1530, 1531
- 5 RB1922-23, 10888, 10889
- 6 RB1919-20, 2257; RB1922-23, 10889
- 7 MMBW DPR 79456
- 8 RB1912-13, 1531; RB1913-14, 2004; RB1919-20, 2258; D1920
- 9 RB1925-26, 17308
- 10 D1930; D1935; D1940; D1944-5
- 11 D1950
- 12 D1962
- 13 RB1912-13, 1530; D1962
- 14 *ibid.*; RB1912-13, 1530; RB1919-20, 2257; RB1922-23, 10888; D1925; D1930; D1940; D1950; D1962

External Integrity

Verandah detail gone, (timber capitals and iron brackets?).

Streetscape

Relates closely to the adjoining shops and contributes as a distinctive Edwardian design in an important Edwardian commercial precinct.

Significance

Architecturally, a shop pair of high integrity to its construction period, which is further distinguished by parapet motifs and oriel windows. It contributes to an important contemporary commercial streetscape: of regional importance.

Historically, little is known of Rose Yinder.¹

Flats,

7 Mangan Street, Balwyn North



Study Grading: C

Construction Date: 1933

First Owner: Towt, Oliver

Builder: Le Leu, F.J. & F.N.?

History

M. Le Leu of 23 Sunnyside Avenue, Camberwell owned Allotment 15 before Camberwell builders F.J. and Frank Norman Le Leu acquired the allotment in 1932². In 1932 F.J. & F.N. Le Leu submitted a building application for two flats of four rooms each and in 1933 they submitted a building application for a further two brick flats of four rooms each³. The estimated cost of the flats applied for in 1932 was £1,000 and £1,150 was the estimated cost of those applied for in 1933⁴. It appears, however, that the flats were all built in

1933⁵. Ownership of the property passed to Oliver Towt, a dairyman, of 200 Mont Albert Road in 1934⁶. At this time the flats were occupied by B.E. Trelvan, Don A. Stuart, George Finlayson, and Garnet Williams⁷. Frank Le Leu was a Camberwell City Councillor 1935-48.

Description

Constructed in the Old English style, these two blocks of two flats each are built as four to five room units from clinker brickwork, in a two-storey gabled form and have Marseilles pattern roof tiles. Upstairs access is via an open stair, expressed on the elevation as a bold rendered diagonal. The main chimney is, typically, expressed on the elevation while the upper level landing is clad in brickwork, seemingly too massive for the slim brick pier supporting it. Complementary to the bold massing are the arched and rectangular window openings and tripartite, louvred gable vents. Multi-paned sash-bars add linear elements to the otherwise massive composition. The fence and garden are near original.

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The following Camberwell sites may be compared with this site.

- 9, BOSTON ROAD, 1930
- 396, CAMBERWELL ROAD, 1930
- 460, CAMBERWELL ROAD, 1930
- 16, MUSWELL HILL, 1930
- 3, BRENBAL STREET, 1930c
- 177, DONCASTER ROAD, 1930c
- 816-822, RIVERSDALE ROAD, 1930c
- 454, WARRIGAL ROAD, 1930c
- 359, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1930c
- 397-399, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1930c
- 497, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1930c
- 35, BALWYN ROAD, 1931-2
- 1292, TOORAK ROAD, 1931-2
- 11, CHATFIELD AVENUE, 1932-3
- 27, CHRISTOWEL STREET, 1932
- 3, FINSBURY ROAD, 1932
- 7, MURIEL STREET, 1932c
- 4, FINSBURY WAY, 1933
- 125, HIGHFIELD ROAD, 1933
- 1, MAPLE CRESCENT, 1933
- 14, STODDART STREET, 1933
- 7, MANGAN STREET, 1933c
- 11, FAIRMONT AVENUE, 1934-5
- 87-87A, BOWEN STREET, 1934
- 458, CAMBERWELL ROAD, 1934
- 201, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1934c
- 45, CHRISTOWEL STREET, 1935
- 46, CHRISTOWEL STREET, 1935
- 56, CHRISTOWEL STREET, 1935
- 1, FAIRMONT AVENUE, 1935
- 9, MARLBOROUGH AVENUE, 1935
- 13, MARLBOROUGH AVENUE, 1935
- 3, SALISBURY STREET, 1935
- 177, GLEN IRIS ROAD, 1935c
- 361, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1935c
- 796-798, BURKE ROAD, 1936

1 SLV Biog. index searched
 2 RB 1930-31, 4705; BA 1932, 2953
 3 ibid.; BA 1933, 3238
 4 ibid.; BA 1932, 2953
 5 BAC
 6 RB 1933-34, 4711-4
 7 ibid.