

WUSTEMANN'S BUILDINGS

138-144 Bridge Road

History and Description

This group of shops was built on the redeveloped site of the Richmond Presbyterian Church.

The buildings were erected in 1901, for a Richmond entrepreneur, Wustemann. The buildings as constructed, most probably numbered seven, as early directories indicate members of the Wustemann family, as occupiers of numbers 132 and 134 Bridge Road.

They form an elaborately detailed terrace of Edwardian period commercial buildings. Notable details include the pedimented window hoods, balconettes, and monumental parapets. Two buildings retain their original unpainted render finish, and an early shopfront survives at number 138.

Statement of Significance

An elaborate terrace of Edwardian shops forming part of the important Bridge Road commercial precinct.

References

M.M.B.W. Plan of Richmond 1896.
Sands and McDougall, Melbourne Directory 1903.