

**RESIDENCE**  
**171 Hoddle Street**

**History and Description**

This area was subdivided from William Highett's 1839 Crown grant in 1881. Three allotments were purchased by Jas. P. Lind photographer who combined them to form the present site and erected a 2-storey single fronted house.

Drs. Thomas, James & William Boyd purchased the property in 1898. Thomas Boyd was the government vaccinator while William was an eminent pathologist who solved the Threadneedle poisoning cases.

By 1901, the existing pair of semi-detached houses had been established. The original house was converted into a double fronted 2-storey arcaded residence and attached to a 2-storey house with return verandahs and a tower over the entrance.

The arcaded Italian Renaissance derived style of the facade is possibly the work of Richmond architect J.A.B. Koch (e.g. Koch's own house at 377 Church Street and his additions to Labassa, Caulfield).

The pair of houses have excellent external integrity, while an early decorative scheme remains in the entrance hall to the left hand house. William Boyd lived here until his death in 1935. Unfortunately, a block of flats was built in the side garden in 1937.

**Statement of Significance**

A highly intact and innovatively composed pair of semi-detached houses.

**References**

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