

**BRINSLEY PLACE**  
**12-14 The Vaucluse**

**History and Description**

'Brinsley Place' was erected in 1878, for W.A. Brinsley Tobin, inspector of distilleries.

'Brinsley Place' was constructed as a terrace of two brick buildings with a verandah extending around two sides articulating the central bay windows, and terminating at a projecting side wing. Rear brick outbuildings extended to the right of way. The social history of the building is rich. Professor Herbert Strong, professor of the discipline of comparative philosophy and logic at the University of Melbourne, was in residence at 'Brinsley Place', as was Francis Head of Boyd and Head's 'Shamrock Hotel', Collingwood.

The buildings are well conceived and articulated. Arch headed windows, and fine cast iron verandah detailing are features of the building. Evidence of an early garden layout and cast iron fencing survives at number 12.

**Statement of Significance**

The two buildings forming 'Brinsley Place' are an important surviving component of The Vaucluse residential precinct.

**References**

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 M.M.B.W. Plan of Richmond 1896.