

Building:	House	Significance:	B
Address:	19 Bendigo Street, Richmond	Melway Map Ref:	2H B2
Building Type:	Residence	Construction Date:	1889-90
Architect:	Unknown	Builder:	Unknown



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Existing Heritage Listings:		Recommended Heritage Listings:	
Victorian Heritage Register	[]	Victorian Heritage Register	[]
Register of the National Estate	[]	Register of the National Estate	[x]
National Trust	[]	Heritage Overlay Controls	[x]

History

The house at 19 Bendigo Street, Richmond, was built in 1889-90. The first owner was Charles J Jago, who had owned the land since 1886. In 1892, the Rate Books record a 9 room brick house, valued at £60, on the site. Jago occupied the house until 1895.¹

Charles Jago was a Burnley butcher and property investor. He was mayor of Richmond in 1893-94 and 1901-02. His properties included the Rising Sun Hotel, in Swan Street. His property portfolio was valued at £18,546 at the time of his death in 1923.²

Description

The house at 19 Bendigo Street, Richmond, is a two-storey symmetrical Italianate rendered brick terrace style house, of rendered brick construction. The ground floor facade has banded rustication to the walls, stop-chamfered corners and a central recessed entrance flanked by single windows. The recessed entrance has an iron picket gate, and the windows have protective iron grillages. The first floor has a recessed balcony with a corrugated iron roof between two wing walls, which have arched leadlight windows. The balcony has cast iron columns and lacework frieze, and a balustrade, which does not appear to be non-original. The north elevation, to Bellevue Street, has a number of windows with chamfered openings, two of which are blind. The ground floor windows also have protective grillages. The roof is penetrated by two rendered chimneys with moulded caps.

Significance

The house at 19 Bendigo Street, Richmond, is of local architectural significance and local historical interest. Whilst two-storey freestanding terraces are not uncommon in Richmond, the form of this house, with a rusticated ground floor rather than a verandah, and a recessed entrance and balcony, is very unusual. The house is also of local historical interest through its association with prominent local property owner, butcher, publican and former Mayor of Richmond, Charles Jago.

1 Richmond Rate Books, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890-91, 1892. Sands & McDougall Directory, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1895, 1900, 1910.

2 J McCalman, *Struggletown: Public and Private Life in Richmond 1900-1965*, Melbourne, 1985, p. 16.