

Building:	Former Yarra Hotel	Significance:	B
Address:	119 Cremorne Street, Richmond	Melway Map Ref:	2G G11
Building Type:	Hotel	Construction Date:	1906-07
Architect:	Unknown	Builder:	Frederick Nixon



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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 Yarra Hotel was built in 1906-07. The site had been occupied by a hotel from 1853.

The building license for the present building was granted to Frederick Nixon of South Yarra, to build a brick hotel, on 25 June 1906. Rate Books for 1906 indicate a 9 room hotel, valued at £80, in progress. The owner was Alfred Levi, and the publican, Chas McAuley.¹

Description

The former Yarra Hotel, 119 Cremorne Street, Richmond, is a two-storey building of red brick construction with a transverse jerkin-head slate roof, designed in a simple Edwardian Arts and Crafts style. The ground floor facade has a series of door and window openings, some of which appear to have been altered. Architecturally, the most interesting facade element is the door and window combination at the south end, which comprises a pair of half-glazed doors flanked by windows, all with highlights. The timber-framed, multi-paned windows have heavy moulded sills, possibly of sandstone. All of the joinery is unpainted. The adjoining recessed panel appears to be a bricked-up doorway. Above these openings is a continuous timber beam with angled ends bolted to the wall at lintel position. The first floor has three window openings, each with non original single-pane sashes. The slate roof has plain terracotta ridge cappings, and is penetrated by red brick chimneys with simple red brick cappings and terracotta chimney pots. The skillion-roofed dormer window is not original.

The rear laneway, Victoria Avenue, gives access to a number of outbuildings. A photograph from 1984 shows a single-storey brown brick building with cream window dressings and hipped corrugated iron roof, possibly the coachman's quarters, and a timber building with a gabled corrugated iron roof, possibly the stables. Stables, a coach house, and coachmen's quarters were extant in 1990.²

Significance

The former Yarra Hotel, 119 Cremorne Street, Richmond, is of local historical and architectural significance. Historically, the site of the building has been continuously occupied by a hotel since 1853. Architecturally, the building is an unusually composed Arts and Crafts style hotel, with a particularly interesting and remarkably intact door and window combination on the front elevation. The building is a very important heritage element in a section of Cremorne Street which comprises primarily post-War industrial buildings.

1 National Trust File 5579.

2 National Trust File 5579.