

<b>Building:</b>	Former Builders Steel Form Supply Co.	<b>Significance:</b>	B
<b>Address:</b>	9-11 David Street, Richmond	<b>Melway Map Ref:</b>	2H G4
<b>Building Type:</b>	Factory	<b>Construction Date:</b>	1938
<b>Architect:</b>	Unknown	<b>Builder:</b>	Unknown



<b>Intactness:</b>		<b>Condition:</b>	
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<b>Existing Heritage Listings:</b>		<b>Recommended Heritage Listings:</b>	
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 former Builders Steel Form Supply Co. building, at 9-11 David Street, Richmond, was built in 1938. The Rate Books indicate that the Builders Steel Form Supply Co. owned two vacant sites, each valued at £14, in David Street, from 1938. By 1940, the company is listed at the owner and occupier of a factory values at £145.<sup>1</sup> David Street is first listed in the directories in 1938.

## **Description**

The former Builders Steel Form Supply Co. is a small single storey industrial building with a distinctive entrance façade constructed of off-form concrete. The façade has a simple stepped parapet with an integral decorative concrete relief panel in the centre, depicting a scene at a building site including four men at work preparing formwork and pouring concrete. To the right of the panel is the name of the company, BUILDERS STEEL FORM SUPPLY CO LTD, and to the left, the words ARC WELDERS and CONCRETE FORMWORK, incised into the concrete. The building has three large vehicle openings, now fitted with roller doors, three recessed doorways, and a number of multi-paned steel-framed hopper windows. Behind the façade is a relatively conventional factory building with a saw-tooth roof.

## **Significance**

The former Builders Form Supply Co. building is of local architectural significance. The building's concrete facade is distinguished by its unusual and distinctive abstracted Deco Style low-relief sculptural panel depicting the process of concrete pouring, which is unique in the municipality.

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<sup>1</sup> Richmond Rate Books, 1935, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940. *Sands & McDougall Directory*, 1936-37, 1937-38, 1938-39, 1939-40.