

Building:	Former Fairfield Boathouse	Significance:	B
Address:	Fairfield Park Drive, Fairfield	Melway Map Ref:	30 J12

Building Type:	Boathouse	Construction Date:	Unknown
Architect:	Unknown	Builder:	Unknown



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Existing Heritage Listings:	Recommended Heritage Listings:
Victorian Heritage Register [<input type="checkbox"/>]	Victorian Heritage Register [<input type="checkbox"/>]
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History

The origins of the Fairfield Boathouse is unknown, but it appears to have been constructed in the 1890s or 1900s.

Description

The Fairfield Boathouse is a two-storey timber building constructed on the north side of the Yarra River, against the slope of the river bank. The building is clad in weatherboard, and has a gabled roof clad in corrugated galvanised steel. A wide timber post verandah encircles the building at first floor level, decorated with cast iron brackets, and has vertical timber balustrading. The corrugated galvanised steel verandah roof has ogee gutters, embellished with metal acroteria at the corners.

The gable ends on the side (east and west) elevations have decorative carved timber barge boards, turned timber finials and circular vents. The projecting entrance porch is located on the west side, and has two smaller gables with similar bargeboards and vents to those of the main roof. The lower level beneath the verandah facing the river is weatherboarded.

Comparative Examples

Studley Park Boathouse, Yarrabend Park, Kew

Significance

The former Fairfield Boathouse is of local architectural significance. The boathouse is one of two located within Yarra Bend Park, the other being the Studley Park Boathouse. The boathouse was constructed to serve the recreation needs of the public, and is part of a long standing tradition of such activities in the Park. The boathouse is a picturesque element in the riverside landscape.