Building:

Warehouse

Significance:

Address:

41 Madden Grove, Richmond

Melway Map Ref:

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Building Type:

Warehouse

Construction Date: c.1860s?

Architect:

Unknown

Builder:

Unknown



Intactness:		Condition:	
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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

Unknown.1

An 1877 map of Richmond shows two long, narrow buildings parallel to Burnley Street, belonging to W E Chambers², and it is possible that one of these is the present building, but this is not confirmed by the Rate Books or Directories.

The area bounded by Burnley Street, Madden Grove, Rooney Street and Barkly Avenue was the site of quarries until the 1940s, and of abattoirs until at least the 1970s; the present building may have been associated with either of these enterprises.

Description

The warehouse at 41 Madden Grove, Richmond, is a single-storey gabled building of random-coursed, quarry faced bluestone construction. The gable faces Madden Grove, and has a circular vent in the gable end. A large segmental arched opening in the centre of the elevation is flanked by multi-paned double-hung sashes. The opening has been fitted with a roller door. Quoining and window sills are of red brick, and window dressings and the gable coping are of cream brick. A high rendered plinth appears to be a later addition.

Significance

The warehouse at 41 Madden Grove, Richmond, is of local architectural significance. The building is a rare, early surviving example of a 19th century bluestone warehouse, and has a considered, elegantly composed facade which combines well bluestone and cream and red brick. Relatively intact, the building illustrates industrial activity in the early development of Richmond.

The Rate Books and Sands & McDougall Directories are inconclusive as to the history of this building. Early directories have no listings for the west side of Burnley Street south of Swan Street, and Madden Grove is not listed at all.

^{2 &#}x27;Survey of Quarry Allotments in the Borough of Richmond, Parish of Jika Jika', 19 May 1877. Map.