

Building:	Houses	Significance:	B
Address:	1-11, 2-12 Mitchell Street, Richmond	Melway Map Ref:	2H E9
Building Type:	Residences	Construction Date:	Nos. 1-11: 1911; Nos. 2-12: 1913
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

Mitchell Street is first listed in the Directories and Rate Books c.1912. The houses at Nos. 1-11, on the north side of the street, were first listed in the Rate Books of 1911-1912. Gibdon Davis is shown as the owner of six 4-room wooden houses, each valued at £22. Davis also owned 120 feet of land in the street, valued at £10. The following year, the houses are valued at £24. By 1913-14, the street had been completely developed by Davis; Nos. 2-12, on the south side, had also been built. Each was a 4 room wooden house valued at £26.¹

Description

The houses at 2-12 and 1-11 Mitchell Street, Richmond, comprise two rows of three pairs of semi-detached weatherboard cottages, on opposite sides of the street. The houses have hipped corrugated iron roofs, each with a projecting gabled section facing the street. Between these are small recessed entrance porches, with skillion corrugated iron roofs, decorated with cast iron lacework. The gable ends are half-timbered with roughcast rendered infills. Windows on the houses on the north side of the street are double-hung with nine-paned upper sashes. Windows on the houses on the south side of the street are also double-hung, but have vertical glazing bars and four small coloured glass panes in the upper sashes. Chimneys are red brick, with corbelled cappings.

The houses are largely intact, some having alterations to windows and gable ends. The front fences are mostly timber picket, and appear to be of recent construction.

Comparative Examples

1-15 and 2-16 Moore Street, Richmond

Warwick Terrace and Leicester Terrace, 79-93 and 80-94 Wellington Street, Richmond

Significance

The houses at 1-11 and 2-12 Mitchell Street, Richmond, are of local architectural significance. Although the houses are typical of speculative developments of modest timber cottages in Richmond by the one developer, this example remains substantially intact and is notable for its extent, comprising twelve houses in two rows on opposite sides of the street.

¹ Richmond Rate Books, 1910-11, 1911-12, 1912-13, 1913-14. *Sands & McDougall Directory*, 1912, 1913, 1914.