

Building:	Terrace	Significance:	B
Address:	51-55 Oxford Street, Collingwood	Melway Map Ref:	2C D11
Building Type:	Residence	Construction Date:	1858-64?
Architect:	Unknown	Builder:	Unknown



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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 1858 Hodgkinson map shows this site as vacant.

In 1864, Henry Miller owned three 3 room brick terrace houses here which were rented out. The properties had a long series of owners and tenants, with the longest ownership being that of William Smith who purchased the houses in 1880 and remained owner until at least 1895.

The relationship between the buildings described above and the present building is unclear, since the present building appears to accommodate two buildings only.¹

Andrew Ward. *Collingwood Conservation Study*. 1995.

Description

The brick building at 51-55 Oxford Street, Collingwood, is a single storey symmetrical bichromatic brick building with a gabled street facade. The east elevation, to Oxford Street, has two window openings; the entrances are via the side elevations. The walls are of red brick with a bluestone plinth, while the windows have cream brick quoining. There is also cream brick quoining at the building's corners, string courses and window head and sill level, and a small diaperwork panel in the gable-end. The gabled parapet has cream and red brick coping, and is decorated with unpainted rendered scrolls; urns (now missing) once decorated the corners. The roof is clad in corrugated iron and penetrated by a simple red brick chimney with a corbelled top.

Comparative Examples

Terraces, 57-63 Oxford Street, Collingwood

Significance

The building at 51-55 Oxford Street is of local architectural significance. The building is unusually composed for a residential terrace, and displays a typical but effective use of bichromatic brickwork. The building forms a visual unit with the adjacent terraces at 57-63 Oxford Street; as a group they make an important contribution to an interesting streetscape.

Original Source

Andrew Ward. *Collingwood Conservation Study*. 1995.

¹ Colingwood Rate Books, 1864, 1880, 1896.