

Building:	House	Significance:	B
Address:	316 Victoria Street, Richmond	Melway Map Ref:	2H B2
Building Type:	Residence	Construction Date:	1885
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

The house at 316 Victoria Street, Richmond, was built in 1885. The owner was Thomas Byrne, a shopkeeper. The first occupier of the house was James Perry, a gentleman. The adjoining Byrne's Arcade Terrace (Nos. 318-326; see separate datasheet) had been listed in the Rate Books as a row of five 7 room brick houses—also owned by Byrne—since 1879. Byrne was shown as owning a 7 room wooden house adjacent to the terrace; in 1884, it is valued at £26. The following year, Byrne is shown as owning a 7 room brick house. In 1887, the house was valued at £90, but by 1892 its value had fallen to £60, by 1894 to £50, and by 1900, it was worth only £38. The house was occupied by Thomas Byrne himself from 1886 until at least 1900.¹

Description

The house at 316 Victoria Street, Richmond, is a double-storey double-fronted asymmetrical rendered brick Italianate house attached to the west end of Byrne's Arcade Terrace (Nos. 318-330; see separate datasheet). It has deep, ornate cast iron lacework friezes to the verandah and balcony, which follow the line of the projecting bay to the west end. The balcony has a lacework balustrade and corrugated iron roof. The front door has a semi-circular arched highlight and the paired timber-framed double-hung sash windows have arched heads. There is a moulded string course at impost level. The building has a high, balustraded parapet with a prominent cornice.

The glazing in an arched opening in the wing wall at the west end of the balcony has been replaced with amber glass (c.1970s).

The original iron picket front fence has been retained.

Significance

The house at 316 Victoria Street, Richmond, is of local architectural significance. It is the only house of its type—a double-fronted double-storey terrace—in Victoria Street. It is a good and substantially intact example an Italianate style terrace, with particularly fine detailing. It is a major contributor to the streetscape in an area much denuded by post-War commercial and industrial buildings.

1 Richmond Rate Books 1878, 1879, 1880, 1883, 1887, 1892, 1894, 1895, 1900. *Sands & McDougall Directory*, 1891, 1894, 1892, 1893, 1894.