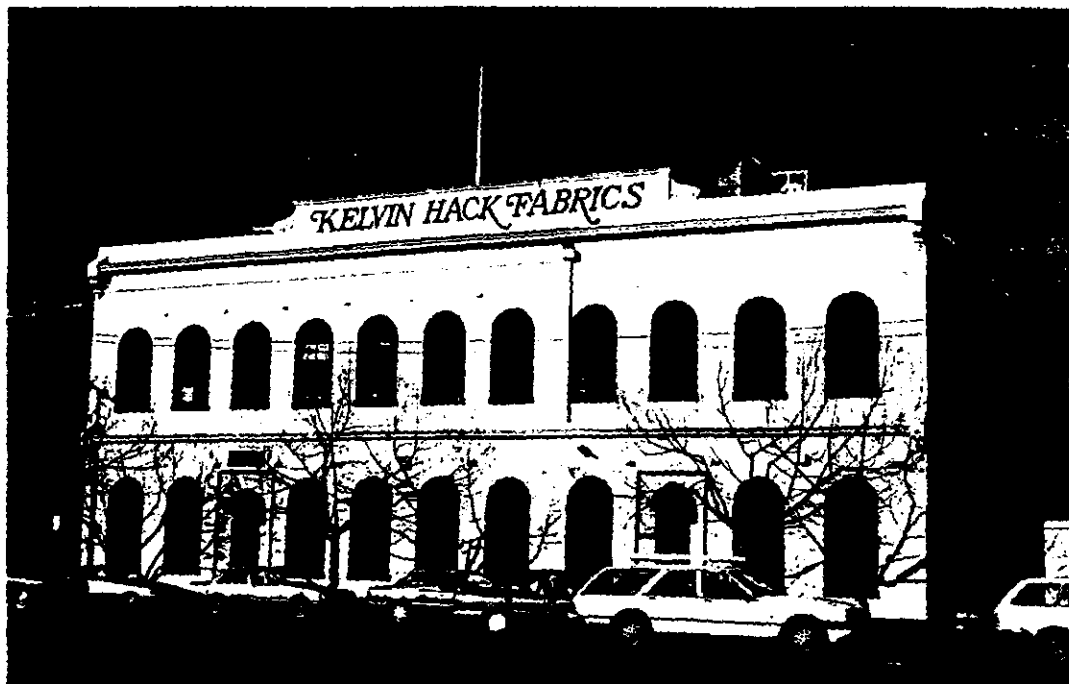


Building:

Address:

2 Hoddle Street
3-7 Ferguson Street



Allotment Reference:

Lot 56

National Estate Register:

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Historic Buildings
Council Register:

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National Trust Register:

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Location within Precinct:

Collingwood Flat Precinct

Photo Date:

August, 1988

Grantee:

H.T. Hughes and J. Hosking

Original Owner:

Richard McGan

Present Owner:

Original Use:

Boot Factory

Present Use:

Kelvin Hack Fabrics (2)
Andrew Melles Fabrics (3-7)

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Construction Date: 1884-

Architect:

Builder:

Description: A large two storeyed brick factory with stuccoed facade to Hoddle Street and round arched windows with string course, frieze and flat pediment. The factory extends to Ferguson Street where a recently stuccoed facade has a bluestone plinth, segmental window heads and decorated display panel.

Condition: Good

Integrity: Good

History: In 1883 the east side of Hoddle Street adjacent to the right of way north of Victoria Parade was vacant land; 30' owned by John Kay and 60' owned by William Hunter. In 1884 Richard McGan, a boot manufacturer owned the northern block of 60' on which he built a brick factory. A brick house was also listed with the property in 1887, (1883, 1884, 1887, RB).

In 1888 Warne and Reid purchased the house and factory and Robert Reid and James Wright, manufacturers, operated it, and continued to do so in 1895, (1889, 1896, RB). By 1919 a presumably enlarged factory was occupied by R. Reid and Co. Ltd's clothing factory.

Significance: No. 2 Hoddle Street is important for its links with Richard McGan (also refer 15-17 Bedford Street), a Collingwood born bootmaker who commenced business as James and McGan at 42 George Street, Fitzroy in 1880. This partnership collapsed in 1882 and McGan established this factory, forming a partnership with F. Fowler in 1889. It compares with Smalley and Harkness (q.v.), Whybrows (q.v.) and The Clifton Shoe Co (q.v.) as a major surviving nineteenth century Collingwood boot factory.

Recommendations: Recommended for planning scheme protection.

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