

Building: Former Cordial Factory
Address: 35-47 Lithgow Street



Allotment Reference: Lot 58
National Estate Register: Recommended
Historic Buildings Council Register: Recommended
Location within Precinct: Collingwood Flat precinct
Photo Date: August, 1983
Grantee: W. Bradley, 13.2.1839
Original Owner: Jacob Schweppe
Present Owner:
Original Use: Cordial Factory
Present Use: James Richardson Corporation Pty. Ltd.
Construction Date: 1886
Architect:
Builder:

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Description:

A two storeyed with three storeyed section at north end former cordial factory in red brick with bluestone plinths and sills. Openings are slightly arched with stuccoed lintels, continuous to ground floor openings. A square tapering chimney in the south-west corner is an important element.

The main facade to Lithgow Street has bluestone quoining to the vehicular entrances and a gabled treatment with steeply pitched slated and parapetted gables in the Tudoresque manner, three upper level portions projecting by one brick course to heighten the illusion. The gables reflect those of the earlier State School opposite (q.v.).

Condition:

Good

Integrity:

Good

History:

In 1885 Phips Turnbull owned Lots 64 to 67 each of 33' on the west side of Lithgow Street between Victoria Parade and Mollison Street. Jacob Schweppe and Charles Child "occupied" the land. In 1886 Jacob Schweppe purchased the land and built a brick factory which was managed by Charles Child, (1885-1886, RB). Jacob Schweppe & Company continued as owners of the factory in 1900, (1901, RB). By 1919, Schweppes Ltd, aerated water manufacturers, remained in occupation.

Significance:

The former Schweppe's cordial factory is important at the State level as the nineteenth century "home" of Schweppes products which continue to be available under this name today. It is also a substantial nineteenth century factory with a distinctive chimney stack which is a local landmark.

Recommendations:

Recommended for inclusion on the Historic Buildings Council Register, the National Estate Register and for planning scheme protection.

References:

Rate Books

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