

**Building:**

Former Yarra Falls Spinning Mills  
factory

**Address:**

80-110 Trenerry Crescent



**Allotment Reference:**

**National Estate Register:**

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**Historic Building Register:**

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**National Trust Register:**

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**Location within Precinct:**

Victoria Park

**Photo Date:**

October 1988

**Grantee:**

**Original Owner:**

Yarra Falls Spinning Mills Pty Ltd

**Present Owner:**

Yarra Falls Spinning Mills Pty Ltd

Original Use: Spinning Mills  
Present Use: "Country Road"  
Construction Date: 1922. Additions at south end - 1935 (on building)

Architect:

Builder:

Description:

The northern building is linked at the rear with the larger south building and is of two storeyed brick construction with a trabeated facade to Trenerry Crescent relieved by stuccoed spandrels and bracketted parapet coping. The windows have been partly replaced. The south building is built in at least three components, the northern two adopting a similar treatment to the north building and the southern most section representing a departure with the use of Moderne ornamentation.

Condition:

Good

Integrity:

Good

History:

In 1919 The Yarra Falls Spinning Co. Pty Ltd of Johnston Street, Collingwood, purchased "Mikado" a brick house and grounds formerly owned by Elizabeth Pitt. In 1921 David Fenton, foreman, lived there - the NAV £175. In 1922 the property was described as "Mills etc." - NAV was £1200. (1920-1923 RB). In 1925 Yarra Falls Pty Ltd purchased an adjoining property, south side, a brick house and factory formerly owned by Arthur Barclay, a furrier. In 1926 the Yarra Falls Spinning Mills Pty Ltd purchased from John Fox, "United Felt Hat Mills", formerly Austral Hat Mills, and a block of vacant land 144'8". In 1927 the property owned by Yarra Falls was:

No. 80 Brick House and factory - NAV £120 occupied by Ernest Lumby (manager)

Nos 82-94 Brick & Iron Mills No. 1 -  
NAV £400

Nos 96-110 Brick Mills No. 2 and  
cottage - NAV £1000

Nos 110-120 Cotton Mills - NAV £2000

Nos 122-140 Land and Works - NAV  
£400

In 1928 a power house was built on the  
site of Mill No. 1 and the NAV  
increased to £450 and Nos 112-140  
became Austral Silk and Cotton Mills  
Pty Ltd.

In 1929 No. 1 and No. 2 Mills were  
rated together NAV £1700 and Nos  
122-140 which was land of 240', had a  
store and unfinished factory NAV £700  
- owned by Austral Silk and Cotton  
Mills. (1926-1930 RB).

**Significance:**

This complex is locally important in that  
it is an indicator of the former size of  
the Yarra Falls Spinning Co. whilst the  
limited ornamentation provides a link  
with the Johnston Street works. This  
complex is of less historic and  
architectural significance than the  
Johnston Street complex.

**Recommendations:**

Recommended for planning scheme  
protection.

**References:**

Rate Books

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