

Fitzroy Nth Police Station and Flats, 7 Alfred Crescent, Fitzroy North

Heritage overlay: HO327

City of Yarra Property Number: 237630

What is significant?

The Fitzroy Nth Police Station and Flats (later converted to private flats) at 7 Alfred Crescent, Fitzroy North was created c1935-1940 for the Police Department (Victorian State Government) and has historical associations with persons such as the North Fitzroy Police Force. The place has a high integrity to its creation date.

Fabric from the inter-war period at the Fitzroy Nth Police Station and Flats is locally significant within the City of Yarra, compared to other similar places from a similar era.

How is it significant?

The Fitzroy Nth Police Station and Flat block, at 7 Alfred Crescent, Fitzroy North, is historically and architecturally significant to the locality of Fitzroy North and the City of Yarra.

Why is it significant?

The Fitzroy Nth Police Station and Flats is significant as a 'Moderne style 1930s Police Station, (and flats) built by the Public Works Department under the direction of Chief Architect Percy Everett. A fine, intact example of its style and building type that deliberately addresses its corner site and makes a handsome, although out of character, contribution to the Precinct. This building replaced a 19th century wooden Police Station on the site and is part of the 19th century social history of the suburb when social government infrastructure such as schools, community halls and post offices were provided within walking distance of the resident population. Note the remnant flagpole supports on its upper façade indicating its role as a Police Station of the 1930s.' (Wight, 2001)

The building has distinctive Moderne styling, being two storeys in face brick on a corner site that has been a long-term police station site.

References:

Municipal rate books:

Alfred Crescent 7, North Fitzroy

VPRS 4301/P/0001

City of Fitzroy / Clifton Ward

Rate year	Rate no.	Occupier	Owner	Description	NAV
1944/45	Between 7601 and 7602		Police Dept,	Police Dept,	Police
Station, £1300					
1940-41	Between 7603 and 7604		Police Dept,	Police Station,	
£1300					
1935-36	Between 7600 and 7601		Police Dept,	Police Station,	
£1300					
1930-31	Between 7600 and 7601		Police Dept,	Police Station, Brick	
and wood, £1300					

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1925/26 Between 7596 and 7597 Police Dept, Police Station, Brick
and wood, £1300
1920/21 7561 Stickland Albert Edwin, Police Sergeant Brown Edgar H, 81 Male St
Brighton 7 Alfred Crescent, Brick House and Wood, brick Police Station, pop 6 55

Melbourne or Victorian directories:

Alfred Crescent 7, North Fitzroy

Sands and McDougall 1925-1935

1944/45 North Fitzroy Police Station, Taylor Arnold R.

1940 North Fitzroy Police Station – Roberts O

1935 5-7 North Fitzroy Police Station – Bowden, Wm H.

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1925 5-7 North Fitzroy Police Station – Ellis, J. T sgt.

1920 5-7 North Fitzroy Police Station – Strickland Albt. E. Sergt

1915 5 North Fitzroy Police Station- Campbell Hugh segt, Stanley E A. const.

Other references:

Wight 2001: noted as 5 Alfred Cr ` Moderne style 1930s Police Station, (now flats) built by the PWD under the direction of Chief Architect Percy Everett. A fine, intact eg of its style and building type that deliberately addresses its corner site and makes a handsome, although out of character, contribution to the Precinct. This building replaced a 19th century wooden Police Station on the site (refer Precinct citation) and is part of the 19th century social history of the suburb when social government infrastructure such as schools, community halls and post offices were provided within walking distance of the resident population. Note the remnant flagpole supports on its upper façade indicating its role as a Police Station of the 1930's. The later, rear sections of the building are also significant as they complement its original Moderne character.'

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