

Nation Picture Theatre, 177 Bridge Road, Richmond

Heritage overlay: HO310

City of Yarra Property Number: 181300

What is significant?

The former Nation Picture Theatre (with ground level shops) at 177 Bridge Road, Richmond was created in 1912 and rebuilt c1920-1925 for Thomas O'Brien and has other historical associations with persons such as Thomas Hodges and William Hawson. The place has a low integrity to its creation date (changed upper and ground level openings plus added bay at one end). Fabric from the creation date at the Nation Picture Theatre, former is locally significant within the City of Yarra, compared to other similar places from a similar era.

How is it significant?

The Nation Picture Theatre, former at 177 Bridge Road, Richmond is historically and socially significant to the locality of Richmond and the City of Yarra.

Why is it significant?

The Nation Picture Theatre is significant as a landmark community site and former local cinema since 1912. Rebuilt in the 1920s using a neo-Grec style, the theatre has a two-storey stepped parapeted form, austere classical detailing, stucco and red brick wall finish (Interior unknown).

References:

Municipal rate books:

VPRS 9990/P/0001

City of Richmond / West Ward

Rate year/Rate no./Occupier/Owner/Description /NAV

1944/45; 7329; O'Brien Thos, Lessee; O/O; 177 Bridge Rd, Theatre; 490

1940/41; 7151; O'Brien Thos; O/O; 177 Bridge Rd, Theatre; 475

1935/36; 7128; O'Brien to Griffith Geo; Ham Pty Ltd W. E. 191 Collins St; 177 Bridge Rd, Theatre; 350

1930/31; 7146; O'Brien Thos. Lessee; Hawson Wm F. Est. Perpetual Trustees; 177 Bridge Rd, Theatre; 650

1925/26; 7166; Beckerley Albert, lessee to O'Brien Thos; Hawson Wm F 79 Alma Rd St Kilda; 177 Bridge Rd, Theatre; 700

1920/21; 7198; Hawson Wm. J, Theatre Proprietor; Hawson Wm J.; 177 Bridge Rd, Theatre; 250

1915/16; 7233; Hodges Thos. Theatre proprietor; O/O; 177 Bridge Rd, Theatre; 225

1914/15; 7228; Hodges Thomas, entertainer; O/O; Bridge Rd, Picture Theatre; 225

1913/14; 7182; Hodges Thos Jur. and Hodges Thos Sen. (Thos Senr crossed out); O/O; Bridge Rd, Theatre Brick; 225

1912/13; 7541; Hodges Thos, Senr. and Junr., Gent; O/O; Bridge Rd, Picture Theatre; 225

1911/12; 7053; Hodges Thos M., Hodgson Terrace ; Picture Theatre in prog., 60' Land; 80

1910/11; 6954; Thom. M. Hodges, Hodgson Terrace; Land 40; 36

Melbourne or Victorian directories:

North Side

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1944/5; Nation Picture theatre
1940; Nation Picture Theatre
1935; Nation Picture Theatre
1930; Nation Picture Theatre
Lukey, J. H., confr
1925; Nation Picture Theatre
1920; Nation Picture Theatre
1915; Nation Picture Theatre / Hodges T. M. manager
1913; Nation Picture Theatre / Hodges T. M. manager
1912; No Listing
1911; No Listing
1910; No Listing

Other references:

MMBW Detail Plan shows as vacant