

Commonwealth Saving Bank of Australia, 267 Bridge Road, Richmond

Heritage overlay: HO310

City of Yarra Property Number: 181575

What is significant?

The former Commonwealth Saving Bank of Australia at 267 Bridge Road, Richmond was created in 1939 for Commonwealth Saving Bank of Australia and has other historical associations with persons such as local managers and staff of the Richmond branch of the Commonwealth Saving Bank of Australia. The place has a good integrity to its creation date.

Fabric from the creation date at the former Commonwealth Saving Bank of Australia is locally significant within the City of Yarra, compared to other similar places from a similar era.

How is it significant?

The Commonwealth Saving Bank of Australia at 267 Bridge Road, Richmond is historically and architecturally significant to the locality of Richmond and the City of Yarra.

Why is it significant?

The Commonwealth Saving Bank of Australia is significant as a long term public building since 1939 and a significant Moderne design. 'This monumentally proportioned two storey rendered Art Deco (or Moderne) style building ... is given a strong vertical emphasis with the use of vertically proportioned window slots and two storey high pilasters articulating the façade. Unlike the majority of buildings along Bridge Road, the building is ... a three dimensional form, and is given heightened prominence in the streetscape due to the generous street setbacks of adjoining buildings.' (Wight 2001)

References:

Municipal rate books:

VPRS 9990/P/0001

City of Richmond / West Ward

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

1944/45; 7366; Commonwealth Saving Bank of Aust; 267/9 Bridge Rd; 200

1940/41; 7188; Commonwealth Saving Bank of Aust; 267/9 Bridge Rd; 200

1939/40; 7198; Commonwealth Saving Bank of Aust, Collins St; 267 Bridge Rd, Brick 6 rms; 70

7199; ; Commonwealth Saving Bank of Aust, Collins St; 269 Bridge Rd, ; 70

1938/39; 7201; Dearman Wm F. machinist; New Isle of Wight Hotel Pty Ltd, changed to Commonwealth Saving Bank of Aust, Collins St; 267 Bridge Rd, Brick 6 rms.; 80

7202; McElroy Ruth, Librarian; New Isle of Wight Hotel Pty Ltd, changed to Commonwealth Saving Bank of Aust, Collins St; 269 Bridge Rd, Brick 6 rms.; 80

1937/38; 7197; Dearman Wm F. agent; New Isle of Wight Hotel Pty Ltd, 149 Vict Rd , Upper Hawthorn; 267 Bridge Rd, Brick 6 rms. ; 75

; 7198; McElroy Ruth, Librarian; New Isle of Wight Hotel Pty Ltd, 149 Vict Rd. Upper Hawthorn; 269 Bridge Rd, Brick 6 rms.; 81

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1936/37; 7179; Dearman Wm F. agent; New Isle of Wight Hotel Pty Ltd, 149 Vict Rd , Upper Hawthorn; 267 Bridge Rd, Brick 6 rms. ; 75
; 7180; Koch Helene, librarian ; New Isle of Wight Hotel Pty Ltd, 149 Vict Rd , Upper Hawthorn; 269 Bridge Rd, Brick 6 rms.; 77
1935/36; 7166; Dearman Wm F. agent; New Isle of Wight Hotel Pty Ltd, 149 Vict Rd ; 267 Bridge Rd, Brick 6 rms. ; 72
; 7167; Koch Helene, librarian ; New Isle of Wight Hotel Pty Ltd, 149 Vict Rd ; 269 Bridge Rd, Brick 6 rms.; 77

Melbourne or Victorian directories:

North Side

1944/5; 267-69 C'wealth Saving Bank of Australia, /Hope Cornis. E

1941; 267-69 C'wealth Saving Bank of Australia, /Hope Cornis. E

1940; Rebuilding

Other references:

Wight 2001:

'This monumentally proportioned two storey rendered Art Deco style (or Moderne style) building is somewhat at odds with the prevailing late nineteenth/ early twentieth century character of Bridge Road, though it is quite a distinguished building in its own right. The building is given a strong vertical emphasis with the use of vertically proportioned window slots and two storey high pilasters articulating the façade. Unlike the majority of buildings along Bridge Road, the building is quite a three dimensional form, and is given heightened prominence in the streetscape due to the generous street setbacks of adjoining buildings.'