

## **Elmhurst Flats, 391 Church Street, Richmond**

Heritage overlay: HO315

City of Yarra Property Number: 191170

### **What is significant?**

The Elmhurst Flats at 391 Church Street, Richmond was created in 1934 for E. Howard. Lawson and has other historical associations with tenants such as Myra Emily Trebilcock, mender; Lois Lord, home duties and Constance Burkett, home duties. The place has good integrity to its creation date. Fabric from the creation date at the Elmhurst Flats is locally significant within the City of Yarra, compared to other similar places from a similar era.

### **How is it significant?**

The Elmhurst Flats at 391 Church Street, Richmond, is historically and architecturally significant to the locality of Richmond and the City of Yarra.

### **Why is it significant?**

The Elmhurst Flats is significant as a distinctive two-storey stuccoed block of ten flats in an exotic Mediterranean Villa style, with hipped and tiled main roof, cantilevered concrete balcony, unusual saltire cross cement balustrade and coupled spiralled columns. It was developed by Howard Lawson who created the significant Beverley Hills Flats and Stratton Heights apartment developments, South Yarra, and the Mt Martha Gardens of the Moon development.

## **References:**

### **Municipal rate books:**

VPRS 9990/P/0001

City of Richmond / Central Ward

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

1944/45; 8910; Neville James, Agent; Gust J 364 Barkly St, Elwood; Flat 1, Brick 1 rm.; 40

8911; ; Gust J 364 Barkly St, Elwood; Flat 2, Brick 1 rm.; 36

8912; Skilkin Saml, Laborer; Gust J 364 Barkly St, Elwood; Flat 3, Brick 1 rm.; 36

8913; Burkett Constance, Home duties; Gust J 364 Barkly St, Elwood; Flat 4, Brick 1 rm.; 38

8914; Wells Wm, Clerk; Gust J 364 Barkly St, Elwood; Flat 5 Brick 1 rm.; 45

8915; Hill Keith, agent; Gust J 364 Barkly St, Elwood; Flat 6, Brick 1 rm.; 40

8916; Trebilcock Myra Emily, mender; Gust J 364 Barkly St, Elwood; Flat 7, Brick 1 rm.; 40

8917; Rasmussen Ross Maxwell, agent; Gust J 364 Barkly St, Elwood; Flat 8, Brick 1 rm.; 40

8918; Jones Amy, home duties; Gust J 364 Barkly St, Elwood; Flat 9, Brick 1 rm.; 40

8919; Holland John Fraser, mgr; Gust J 364 Barkly St, Elwood; Flat 10, Brick 1 rm.; 50

1940/41; 8710; Henderson Elizth, Home duties; Gust J 292 Barkly St, Elwood; 393/1 Church St, Flat 1, Brick 1 rm.; 43

8711; Middleton Annie Augusta, Home duties; Gust J 292 Barkly St, Elwood; 393/1 Church St, Flat 2, Brick 1 rm.; 36

8712; Dunne Lewis, Mgr; Gust J 292 Barkly St, Elwood; 393/1 Church St, Flat 3, Brick 1 rm.; 36

8713; Burkett Constance, Home duties; Gust J 292 Barkly St, Elwood; 393/1 Church St, Flat 4, Brick 1 rm.; 38

8714; Courtis Clifford, Clerk; Gust J 292 Barkly St, Elwood; 393/1 Church St, Flat 5 Brick 1 rm.; 45

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8715; Brown Stanley Clarence, Driver; Gust J 292 Barkly St, Elwood; 393/1 Church St, Flat 6, Brick 1 rm.; 25  
8716; Trebilcock Myra Emily, Mender; Gust J 292 Barkly St, Elwood; 393/1 Church St, Flat 7, Brick 1 rm.; 40  
8717; Lord Lois Edith, Home duties; Gust J 292 Barkly St, Elwood; 393/1 Church St, Flat 8, Brick 1 rm; 38  
8718; Larkin Dorothy, home duties; Gust J 292 Barkly St, Elwood; 393/1 Church St, Flat 9, Brick 1 rm.; 43  
8719; Holland John Fraser, mgr; Gust J 292 Barkly St, Elwood; 393/1 Church St, Flat 10, Brick 1 rm.; 50

1935/36; 8664; Johns Percy, Mechanic; Lawson E. H., Daring St. South Yarra; 393/91 Church St, Flat 1; 40  
8665; Millington Annie, Home duties; Lawson E. H., Daring St. South Yarra; 393/1 Church St, Flat 2; 35  
8666; Skate Eva, Home duties; Lawson E. H., Daring St. South Yarra; 393/1 Church St, Flat 3; 35  
8667; Thomas Mabel, Home duties; Lawson E. H., Daring St. South Yarra; 393/91 Church St, Flat 4; 35  
8668; King Carl, Carpenter; Lawson E. H., Daring St. South Yarra; 393/91 Church St, Flat 5; 45  
8669; Morcom Harry, agent; Lawson E. H., Daring St. South Yarra; 393/91 Church St, Flat 6; 35  
8670; Feldraw Andrew; Lawson E. H., Daring St. South Yarra; 393/91 Church St, Flat 7; 40  
8671; Lord Lois, Home duties; Lawson E. H., Daring St. South Yarra; 393/91 Church St, Flat 8; 37  
8672; Adams Dorothy, home duties ; Lawson E. H., Daring St. South Yarra; 393/91 Church St, Flat 9; 40  
8673; Geeves Robt. Engineer; Lawson E. H., Daring St. South Yarra; 393/91 Church St, Flat 10; 50

1934/35; 8668; ; Lawson E. H., Daring St. South Yarra; 393/91 Church St, Flat 1; 35  
8669; ; Lawson E. H., Daring St. South Yarra; 393/91 Church St, Flat 2; 35  
8670; ; Lawson E. H., Daring St. South Yarra; 393/91 Church St, Flat 3; 35  
8671; ; Lawson E. H., Daring St. South Yarra; 393/91 Church St, Flat 4; 35  
8672; McCasker Horace, Salesman; Lawson E. H., Daring St. South Yarra; 393/91 Church St, Flat 5; 45  
8673; ; Lawson E. H., Daring St. South Yarra; 393/91 Church St, Flat 6; 35  
8674; ; Lawson E. H., Daring St. South Yarra; 393/91 Church St, Flat 7; 35  
8675; ; Lawson E. H., Daring St. South Yarra; 393/91 Church St, Flat 8; 35  
8676; ; Lawson E. H., Daring St. South Yarra; 393/91 Church St, Flat 9; 35  
8677; ; Lawson E. H., Daring St. South Yarra; 393/91 Church St, Flat 10; 45  
1933/34; 8671; ; Blundell Geo to Lawson E H, Daring St. South Yarra; 393 Church St. Brick 5 rms.; 25  
8672; Weise Joseph, driver, crossed out; Blundell Geo to Lawson E H, Daring St. South Yarra; 391 Church St. Brick 5 rms.; 25  
1932/33; 8678; Witt Richard, Labourer; Blundell Geo; 393 Church St. Brick 5 rms.; 25  
8679; Marshall Alex, Labourer; Blundell Geo; 391 Church St. Brick 5 rms.; 25  
1931/32; 8699; Gallin Flora, Home duties; Blundell Geo; 393 Church St. Brick 5 rms.; 30  
9700; Marshall Alex, Labourer; Blundell Geo; 391 Church St. Brick 5 rms.; 30  
1930/31; 8683; Saward Vivian, Plumber; Blundell Geo; 393 Church St. Brick 5 rms.; 42  
8684; Marshall Alex, Labourer; Blundell Geo; 391 Church St. Brick 5 rms.; 42

### **Melbourne or Victorian directories:**

#### East Side

1944/5; 391-393 Elmhurst Flats  
1940/41; 391-393 Elmhurst Flats  
1936/37; 391-393 Elmhurst Flats  
1935/36; 391. Sieber Miss Lucy W  
393. Witt Richard

**Other references:**