

## **Havana Court Flats, 887 Drummond Street, Carlton North**

Heritage overlay: HO326

City of Yarra Property Number: 208975

### **What is significant?**

Havana Court Flats at 887 Drummond Street, Carlton North, was created in 1942 for Ester Hara Edelstein and has other historical associations with persons such as the many tenants. The place has a fair integrity to its creation date (windows altered).

Fabric from the creation date at the Havana Court Flats is locally significant within the City of Yarra, compared to other similar places from a similar era.

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

The Havana Court Flats at 887 Drummond Street, Carlton North is historically and architecturally significant to the locality of Carlton North and the City of Yarra.

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

The Havana Court Flats is significant as a well-preserved three-level clinker and manganese brick flat block in the Moderne style, with ornamental brick coursing and curved balustrades.

'The large bulky form and unusual brickwork, of this block of flats ..`Havana Court' including the fence and garden, ... is distinguished ... as an example of the latest phase of development in the precinct. It is in the Moderne tapestry style common for brick flats, in the mid war period. It is individually listed for the integrity of the highly articulated architectural style, which uses a combination of materials and form, designed to feature corners which sweep around the building by using curved glass windows, curved cantilevered balconies, and horizontal courses of contrasting brickwork.' (Wight 2001)

## **References:**

### **Municipal rate books:**

VPRS 5708/P0004

City of Melbourne / Victoria Ward

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

1943; 1451; Raymond Leon; Edelstein Ester Hara; 887 Drummond St, No. 1, Garage and Brick Flat, 4 rms.; 100

1452; Yee George Edward; Edelstein Ester Hara; 887 Drummond St, No. 2, Garage and Brick Flat, 4 rms.; 100

1453; Holan Alice crossed out to read Byrnes Amy Monica ; Edelstein Ester Hara; 887 Drummond St, No. 3, Brick Flat, 4 rms.; 95

1454; Hutton John; Edelstein Ester Hara; 887 Drummond St, No. 4, Brick Flat, 4 rms.; 95

1455; Richard, Edward Robert; Edelstein Ester Hara; 887 Drummond St, No. 5, Brick Flat, 4 rms.; 95

1456; Zandle Ben; Edelstein Ester Hara; 887 Drummond St, No. 6, Garage and Brick Flat, 4 rms.; 100

1457; Smith Gwenda; Edelstein Ester Hara; 887 Drummond St, No. 7, Brick Flat, 4 rms.; 90

1458; Vacant; Edelstein Ester Hara; 887 Drummond St, No. 8, Brick Flat, 4 rms.; 95

1459; Kntchbaum Hayman; Edelstein Ester Hara; 887 Drummond St, No. 9, Garage and Brick Flat, 4 rms.; 105

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1460; Vacant; Edelstein Ester Hara; 887 Drummond St, No. 10, Garage and Brick Flat, 4 rms.; 105

1942; 1447; Feats J. C. E.; Edelstein Ester Hara; 887 Drummond St, Land, 72 x 166; 80

1941; 1437; Williams, Walker, Francis Gowling; Edelstein Ester Hara; 887 Drummond St. land, Brick house 7 rms.; 80

1940; 1426; Rennie Alexr C; Sukiet Israel ; 887 Drummond St. land, Brick house 7 rms.; 62

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

West Side

1944/45; Flats

1942; Flats

1941; Williams Wltr.

1940; Vacant

1939; Rennie Alexander

### **Other references:**

W Keeble, C43 comments Dec 2002:

Wight 2001: 'The large bulky form and unusual brickwork, of this block of flats is at odds with the character of the precinct of predominantly highly intact 19<sup>th</sup> century style houses, mostly single storey terraces. 'Havana Court' including the fence and garden, which is distinguished in its own right as an example of the latest phase of development in the precinct. It is in the Moderne tapestry style common for brick flats, in the mid war period. It is individually listed for the integrity of the highly articulated architectural style, which uses a combination of materials and form, designed to feature corners which sweep around the building by using curved glass windows, curved cantilevered balconies, and horizontal courses of contrasting brickwork.'