

Barkly Flats or Berkley Flats, 20 Pilkington Street, Fitzroy North

Heritage overlay: HO327

City of Yarra Property Number: 232825

What is significant?

The Barkly or Berkley flat block at 20 Pilkington Street, Fitzroy North was created in the period c1935-1955. The place has a good integrity to its creation date.

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

How is it significant?

The Barkly Flat block at 20 Pilkington Street, Fitzroy North is architecturally significant to the locality of Fitzroy North and the City of Yarra.

Why is it significant?

The Barkly Flat block is significant as a good, if late, Moderne style example of flat architecture, being two storey cream brick with a tiled roof and steel-framed windows, bold massing of curved forms and a drum-like stair wells, all on a corner site. Wrought iron detailing is typically lavish for this famous 'featurist' era, as termed by the noted architectural critic Robyn Boyd, and the garden and fence are original or related in style.

References:

Melbourne or Victorian directories:

1952 'Berkley Flats'

1962 'Berkley Flats' as 4

1973 'Berkley Flats' as 4