

D. and W. Chandler Ltd. Despatch Office, later Bulk store, 107-109 Victoria Street, Fitzroy

Heritage overlay: HO334

City of Yarra Property Number: 268265

What is significant?

The D. and W. Chandler Ltd. Despatch Office, later Bulk store at 107-109 Victoria Street, Fitzroy was created in 1925 and 1935 for D.& W. Chandlers Ltd. merchants and has historical associations with that firm. The place has a good integrity to its creation date.

Fabric from the creation date at the D. and W. Chandler Ltd. Despatch Office, later Bulk store is locally significant within the City of Yarra, compared to other similar places from a similar era.

How is it significant?

The D. and W. Chandler Ltd. Despatch Office at 107-109 Victoria Street, Fitzroy is architecturally significant to the locality of Fitzroy and the City of Yarra.

Why is it significant?

The D. and W. Chandler Ltd. Despatch Office, later Bulk store is significant as:

'This streamlined Moderne style two storey brick building with rendered façade ... is given a strong horizontal emphasis with the use of ruled banding to the upper level facade (currently accentuated in a darker coloured paint) and horizontally proportioned window punctures with metal framed windows. The building features a projecting bay with rounded arises and a central corbelled brick pilaster above the entry. The integrity of the ground floor façade has been compromised by the incorporation of modern security screens and entry door'. (Wight 2001)

References:

Municipal rate books:

VPRS 4301/P/0001

City of Fitzroy / West Ward

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

1944/45; 1359; D & W Chandlers Pty Ltd; D & W Chandlers Pty Ltd; 107 Victoria St, Brick Store; 90

1360; D & W Chandlers Pty Ltd, merchants; D & W Chandlers Pty Ltd; 109 Victoria St, Brick Offices; 100

1940/41; 1400; D & W Chandlers Pty Ltd, merchants; D & W Chandlers Pty Ltd; 107 Victoria St, Brick Store ; 90

1401; D & W Chandlers Pty Ltd, merchants; D & W Chandlers Pty Ltd; 109 Victoria St, Brick Offices; 100

1935/36; 1405; D & W Chandlers Pty Ltd, merchants; D & W Chandlers Pty Ltd; 107 Victoria St, Brick Store ; 90

1406; D & W Chandlers Pty Ltd, merchants; D & W Chandlers Pty Ltd; 109 Victoria St, Brick house, 5 rooms; 100

1934/35; 1408; Chandler D and W Ltd, merchants; Chandler D and W Ltd, ; 107 Victoria St, Brick Store ; 90

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1409; Chandler D and W Ltd, merchants; Chandler D and W Ltd, ; 109 Victoria St, Brick house, 5 rooms; 35
1933/34; 1406; Chandler D and W Ltd, merchants; Chandler D and W Ltd, ; 107 Victoria St, Brick Store ; 90
1407; Chandler D and W Ltd, merchants; Chandler D and W Ltd, ; 109 Victoria St, Brick house, 5 rooms; 35
1932/33; 1400; Chandler D and W Ltd, merchants; Chandler D and W Ltd, ; 107 Victoria St, Brick Store ; 90
1401; Chandler D and W Ltd, merchants; Chandler D and W Ltd, ; 109 Victoria St, Brick house, 5 rooms; 35
1931/32; 1407; Chandler D and W Ltd, merchants; Chandler D and W Ltd, ; 107 Victoria St, Brick Store ; 90
1408; Chandler D and W Ltd, merchants; Chandler D and W Ltd, ; 109 Victoria St, Brick house, 5 rooms; 35
1930/31; 1414; Chandler D and W Ltd, merchants; Chandler D and W Ltd, ; 107 Victoria St, Brick Store ; 90
1415; Chandler D and W Ltd, merchants; Chandler D and W Ltd, ; 109 Victoria St, Brick house, 5 rooms; 35
1929/30; 1403; Chandler D and W Ltd, merchants; Chandler D and W Ltd, ; 107 Victoria St, Brick Store ; 90
1404; Benson Myrtle, Home duties; Chandler D and W Ltd, ; 109 Victoria St, Brick house, 5 rooms; 35
1928-29; 1402; Chandler D and W Ltd, merchants; Chandler D and W Ltd, ; 107 Victoria St, Brick Store ; 90
1403; Breden crossed out; Breden to Chandler D and W Ltd; 109 Victoria St, Brick house, 5 rooms; 30
1927-28; 1417; Chandler D and W Ltd, merchants; Chandler D and W Ltd, merchants; 107 Victoria St, Brick Store ; 90
1418; Breden Richard Storeman; Breden Richard; 109 Victoria St, Brick house, 5 rooms; 30
1926-27; 1423; Chandler D and W Ltd, merchants; Chandler D and W Ltd, merchants; 107 Victoria St, Brick Store ; 90
1424; Breden Richard Storeman; Breden R; 109 Victoria St, Brick house, 5 rooms; 30
1925/26; 1424; Chandler D and W Ltd, merchants; Chandler D and W Ltd; 107 Victoria St, Brick Store; 90
1425; Breden Richard Storeman; Breden R; 109 Victoria St, Brick House, 5 rooms; 30
1920/25; 1438; Spencer Frederick, Baker; Mayer Philip; 107 Victoria St, Brick Store and Bake house, pop 5; 70
1439; Breden Richard, Storeman; Breden R; 109 Victoria S, Brick House, 4 rms, pop 2; 26
1915/16; 1464; O'Conner John, Baker; Meyer Philip, Funzer Agent; 107 Victoria St, Brick Store and Bake house, pop 5; 70
1465; Bredon Richard, Tailor; O/O; 109 Victoria S, Brick House, 3 rms, pop 2; 26

Melbourne or Victorian directories:

North Side

1950; 107-15 Chandler, D and W ltd (Bulk store)
1944/45; 107-15 Chandler, D and W ltd (Bulk store)
1940; 107-15 Chandler, D and W ltd (Bulk store)
1935; 107-15 Chandler's
1930; 107-15 Chandler's
1929; 107 Chandler D. and W. ltd (despatch Off)
109 Breden Richard J.
111-115 Chandler D. and W. ltd (stores)
1928; 107 Chandler D. and W. ltd (despatch Off)
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111-115 Chandler D. and W. Ltd (stores)
1925; 107 Chandler D. and W. Ltd (despatch Off)
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Other references:

MMBW Detail Plan shows earlier buildings; corner site.

Wight 2001: 'This streamlined Moderne style two storey brick building with rendered façade is somewhat at odds with the prevailing mid to late nineteenth century character of South Fitzroy, though it is quite a distinguished building in its own right. The building is given a strong horizontal emphasis with the use of ruled banding to the upper level facade (currently accentuated in a darker coloured paint) and horizontally proportioned window punctures with metal framed windows. The building features a projecting bay with rounded arises and a central corbelled brick pilaster above the entry. The integrity of the ground floor facade has been compromised by the incorporation of modern security screens and entry door.'