

PLACE IDENTIFICATION FORM

ADDRESS

605-
607 Glenferrie Road

TYPE

- Single Residence
- Shop
- Office
- Landscape feature
- View
- Multiple Unit Res.
- Outbuildings
- Industrial Building
- Public building
- Other Hall.

TITLE

former R.S.L. and shops.

EXISTING DESIGNATION

HBR GBR AHC NT VAS

STREETSCAPE LEVEL

1 2 3
SIGNIFICANT SIGNIFICANT
STREET TREES KERB & GUTTERS

GRADING

A B C D E
KEYNOTE BUILDING

RECOMMENDED FOR

HBR/GBR AHC URBAN CONSERVATION AREA
VAS PLANNING SCHEME PROTECTION
CULTURAL LANDSCAPE OTHER

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THEME

- Early Settlement
- Mansions
- Victorian Garden Suburb
- Municipal dev.
- 1870s growth
- Garden villas
- Working enclaves
- Commercial Centres
- Edwardian Prosperity
- Interwar Housing
- Flats and Offices

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

Date 1920
Architect Richardson & Woods
Builder Roy. W. Leuhen
Elements -
Hall / shop.



- Contributing garden
- Landmark tree
- Original or early hard landscape layout
- Original or early fence

NOTABLE FEATURES/SIGNIFICANCE

See Butler, Upper Hawthorn Study. Note Butler address no. appears incorrect.
See attached

INTEGRITY Good
Fair
Poor

CONDITION Good
Fair
Poor

CROSS REFERENCED INFORMATION

Associated significant garden

LOCATION: RETURNED SOLDIERS LEAGUE HALL AND SHOPS
605-9 GLENFERRIE ROAD
MMPS ZONE: Residential C
BUILT: 1920

HISTORY - This Returned Soldiers League Hall was built on the north corner of Glenferrie and Manningtree Roads in 1920. This was on a vacant block of land from the Manningtree Estate, subdivided in the 1870s, but with the open Hawthorn Creek nearby.¹ Next door was the Swen Wiedemann coachworks, which moved from Swanston Street, Melbourne in the 1890s, taking over from John Balland's coachbuilding works (established since 1886).² The architects were Richardson and Woods and the builder, Roy W. Le Leu. Shop tenants of the 1930s included J. Milne, a confectioner and A. Bass, a plumber.³

DESCRIPTION - A stuccoed and parapetted hall, offices and two shops comprised of three generally symmetrically composed and boldly arched bays with one differing, rectangular bay to the north.

Like the simple Neo-Mannerist shapes and details seen in the contemporary banks at 637 and 687 Glenferrie Road, this building reflects aspects of Edwin Lutyens' work (Viceroy's House, New Delhi, 1912-31), Charles Holden (Library, Law Society, Chancery Lane, London, 1903-4).

Visual focus is drawn to the entrance arch, with its wide-jointed rustication, curving reveals and receding voussoirs, which are counterpointed by the swagged line of the entry door glazing, which forms an iris under the arch. Above it, tapered pylons support squat Lutyens-like domes and a large blank, rectangular entablature is raised between them, to support the single, central flagpole. Segment arches flow away from the central bay, enclosing entablatures and reaching the corner pylons of the composition. Minor, corniced piers are raised above the lintels to each side window group and in larger form: in the central bay. Appearing as another construction date, the shop to the north has a plainer parapet and no domes to the rectangular piers; the relationship is in the squat, tapered Ionic order columns to a clerestory and the exaggerated smooth rustication.

Internally, original detailing and furnishings survive: the neo-Classical details intermixed with Arts and Crafts plant motifs. The shop front of (609) is original in part.

Comparable buildings include the Masonic Hall, Collingwood, (1921), the banks cited (1917, 1915) and (781) Glenferrie Road.

INTEGRITY - Shop front replaced on (607) and altered on (609).

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STREETSCAPE - Isolated corner building.

SIGNIFICANCE - Architecturally: near original and highly successful design, in an internationally important but little represented style in Victoria: of State importance.

Historically: a prominent public building with commemorative associations with the initiation of the R.S.L. and the First War: of local importance.

ENHANCEMENT - Consider restoration of shop fronts (607) and (609).

REFERENCES: (Abbreviations Key: Appendix 5)

1. RB research;
HBI
2. WD 1889-95;
1888-9;
KHE 19.3.1886
3. D 1939; Foundation Stone (15.5.1920)