

**Bakery(now The Bakery)**  
**193 Yarra St., Warrandyte.**

The earliest history of this brick bakery and the associated timber residence (now Rivergum Art Gallery) dates from 1905 when Frank Tresize, of the Grand Hotel, was rated for a store site in the Warrandyte township. M.Sutherland, storekeeper, was also associated with this site.<sup>488</sup> A store owned by Tresize was recorded for the first time in the 1907-1908 Warrandyte Riding records. It was occupied by the Blood Bros.,bakers, and then by Thomas O'Keefe and Leslie Wilson.<sup>489</sup> This property was identified in 1908 as a shop occupied by Wilson and a house occupied by Isabella Tresize.<sup>490</sup>

A surveyor's plan of some township blocks in Yarra Street, including Section 5, drawn in January 1907, showed two buildings on Allotment 14 (the site of The Bakery).A large building on the western boundary had a rear wing on its east side. There was a second,smaller building on the east side of the allotment. The property was fenced.<sup>491</sup> An expert examination of the present structure and a comparison of the 1907 ground plan with the form of today's building is needed to determine whether any turn of the century fabric remains.

Warrandyte Riding records confirmed that the Tresize family continued to be rated for the Yarra Street house and shop. However, from 1909, Samuel McAuley, gardener(possibly a market gardener) was rated for both buildings.<sup>492</sup> It has been noted by earlier researchers that Lillian Whitehead (nee McAuley) was born in the residence next to the bakery in 1910.<sup>493</sup>

The Tresize family had a long association with Warrandyte's bakers. By the First World War period, the Tresizes were letting a house on a site opposite the Grand Hotel to Henry Thiesz,<sup>494</sup> a baker later associated with The Bakery property. this house was occupied in 1920 by another baker, Charles Stewart.<sup>495</sup>

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<sup>488</sup> Shire of Templestowe RB 1905-1906 Warrandyte Riding No.324.,

<sup>489</sup> Shire of Templestowe RB 1907-8 Warrandyte Riding No.29 (NAV 15 pounds); *The Mail*, Ringwood, 16 March 1949 (obit. George Blood of the Blood Bros.,butchers).

<sup>490</sup> Shire of Templestowe RB 1908-9 Warrandyte Riding Nos.134,209.

<sup>491</sup> *Town of Warrandyte*, Plan W30K, 26 Jan.1907(CPO.Vic).

<sup>492</sup> Shire of Templestowe RB 1909-10 Warrandyte Riding No.194.

<sup>493</sup> Context Pty Ltd,p.108.

<sup>494</sup> Shire of Doncaster RB 1918-19 Templestowe Riding No.522 (NAV 10 pounds).Allotment 15A.Section 4.

<sup>495</sup> Shire of Doncaster RB 1920-21 Templestowe Riding No.1000.

When Isabella Tresize became the registered owner of the shop and dwelling on the site of the Bakery in 1921, the property was occupied by Stewart. In the later 1920s, it was occupied by Thiesz<sup>496</sup> Substantial alterations or additions seem to have occurred during this decade when the property's valuation doubled. A further examination of the existing fabric might determine the kind of work carried out in the 1920s.

Warrandyte Riding records confirmed that by the early 1930s, James Walsh, baker, had acquired the former Tresize shop and dwelling.<sup>497</sup> A surveyor's plan of Yarra Street town allotments made in 1935 included a rough sketch of part of the building on Allotment 14. This sketch was not sufficiently detailed to allow comparison with the 1907 sketch or with the present structure. A number of other important Yarra Street buildings are shown in this sketch, such as the post office and shop ( on the site of 99 Yarra Street) and a nearby church.<sup>498</sup>

By the late 1940s, Walsh's property was described as a house, shop and bakehouse in Yarra Street<sup>499</sup> The Old Bakehouse Order Book( held by the Warrandyte Historical Society) with entries from 1942-1951 during the Walsh ownership, showed the popularity of the bakery at that time. Many well known local names appear on its pages as regular bakery customers, such as James Sloan, Moore, Till, Aumann, and the builder, Alexa Goyder.

An article in the *Warrandyte Diary* of October 1988,told the later history of James Walsh. Retiring as captain of the Warrandyte Fire Brigade when he left the district in 1961, Walsh moved to Middle Park. He worked for a bakery in Carlton before getting a job in the Police workshops. Walsh retired in 1964 and died in 1966.

Earlier researchers have told how the bakery was owned by Granny Davis Bakeries and ,for a time, used for other purposes. However, more recently, the baker's shop was reinstated with the assistance of honorary architects and was re established as The Bakery. The associated timber residence (converted into a shop/residence) has become the Rivergum Art Gallery.

*Of local historical significance* as a local landmark, a property on which an early township baker's shop and associated residence (now the Rivergum Art Gallery) was built, owned by the Tresize family. It operated as a bakery for about 90 years and has associations with a number of local bakers including James Walsh, the owner and occupier from the 1920s to 1951.

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<sup>496</sup> Shire of Doncaster RB 1921-22 Templestowe Riding No.909; 1926-27 Templestowe Riding No.502(NAV 55 pounds).

<sup>497</sup> Shire of Doncaster and Templestowe RB 1930-31 Warrandyte Riding No.591.

<sup>498</sup> *Plan of Warrandyte*, Plan W 30 U,1935, CPO.Vic.

<sup>499</sup> Shire of Doncaster and Templestowe RB 1946-47 Warrandyte Riding No.217(NAV 60 pounds).