

PLACE IDENTIFICATION FORM

ADDRESS

781 Glenferrie Road

TYPE

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

TITLE

Dentists Consulting Rooms.

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 1921

Architect

Builder

Elements



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

NOTABLE FEATURES/SIGNIFICANCE

See Butter, Upper Hawthorn Study. Note earlier building at 14 Collins Street, 1912.
 See attached

INTEGRITY Good ☒
 Fair ☐
 Poor ☐

CONDITION Good ☒
 Fair ☐
 Poor ☐

CROSS REFERENCED INFORMATION

Associated significant garden ☐

LOCATION: DENTIST'S CONSULTING ROOMS,
781 GLENFERRIE ROAD
MMPS ZONE: Local Business
BUILT: 1921

HISTORY - This was designed for dentist, R.M. Gillies and is claimed to be the first in Victoria, designed specifically for a dental practice. His son, R. Ian Gillies, practises there today.¹

Built on the Kinkora Estate, subdivided after Patrick O'Brien's death and the extension of the railway in the 1880s, the accessibility to dentistry was enhanced more recently by the tramline taken past this block in 1913.²

DESCRIPTION - A fluent elevation in stuccoed brick of one-level and possessing unusual perforated cap-shape parapets over two symmetrically disposed, panelled and semi-circular window bays. Between is placed an arched portal with pronounced voussoirs and associated smooth rustication. Above, as counterpoint, is a swagged arch perforation to the otherwise blank parapet panel. Timber framed windows are given typical long casements with square toplights and glazed with clear leaded panes. This is a boldly formed design with some of the plasticity of form seen in the Neo-Baroque banks and R.S.L. Club, also in Glenferrie Road, but little of their eclecticism in detail.

INTEGRITY - Generally original

STREETScape - Relates to arched shapes in (773-79).

SIGNIFICANCE - Architecturally: an intact, boldly massed and successful commercial design which possesses uncommon details (perforated parapet) and is enhanced by shops adjoining (773-79): of high regional importance.

Historically: claimed to be the first custom-built dental surgery in Victoria and perhaps the first commercial built-form to house medical services in the study area: of regional significance. (Note: a dentist's surgery exists at 14-16 Gertrude Street, built in 1912).

ENHANCEMENT - Repaint in typical or original colours.

REFERENCES: (Abbreviations Key: Appendix 5)

1. Verbal from R.I. Gillies;
MMBW Cover Plans;
D 1938
2. HBI;
RB research