Terrace Houses, 16-20 Rowe St, Fitzroy North, VIC, Australia

Photographs: None

List: Register of the National Estate

Class: Historic

Legal Status: Indicative Place

Place ID: 15728

Place File No: 2/11/020/0090

Nominator's Statement of Significance:

Three double storey rendered brick terrace houses in the Italianate style. Arcaded, balustraded verandahs with original detailing intact save for three missing urns.

Official Values: Not Available

Description:

Number 20 is a two storey house, part of a terrace of three houses. Both house and fence have bluestone foundations, pillars of arches made of cast iron with ornate plasterwork Between them, two urns missing from the facade, new flyscreen door, tiled pathway and verandah floor. Some alterations and additions have been made to the interior over the years. Number 18 exterior is the same as number 20 - virtually untouched and in good condition. Both 18 and 20 are painted white. Number 16 external appearance is the same as number 20 except for: (i) name of house in gilt lettering, original section of glass above front door has been smashed and replaced with a piece of modern glass with gilt lettering; (ii) two gas light standards on upstairs balcony converted to electricity; (iii) new tiled verandah floor and pathway; (iv) tiles cracked; (v) one urn missing from facade; (vi) blue stained glass around sides of door and window; (vii) cast iron removed from between arches; (viii) crack in plasterwork of facade repaired; (ix) new extension to back of house; (x) backyard partly concreted and partly paved with wooden blocks; (xi) exterior painted light beige; (xii) front hedge removed showing original fence and gate; (xiii) bluestone paved front garden. Most of the downstairs rooms have been modernised due to mishandling of these areas by previous tenants, some of the original wood panelling remains. The lounge has tin panelling halfway up the walls (flower patterned). There are plaster mouldings on hallway ceiling, wooden archway/screen in centre of passageway, gas roses in most rooms. One wall has been removed from the front rooms to enlarge the living area.

History: Not Available Condition and Integrity:

Number 20 - exterior is generally intact; interior has had some alterations and additions over the years, but current owners are trying to restore the interior as much as possible. Exterior of number 18 is virtually untouched and in good condition. Generally the exterior of Number 16 is intact and original.

Location:

16, 18 & 20 Rowe Street, Fitzroy North.

Bibliography: Not Available