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## Davis' houses



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### Location

2-12 Mitchell Street, RICHMOND VIC 3121 - Property No 169825

### Municipality

YARRA CITY

### Level of significance

Rec for HO area contributory

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

### Heritage Listing

Yarra City

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### Statement of Significance

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This place is within the Mitchell Street Precinct. Please refer to the precinct Hermes record no. 197807 for the history, description and statement of significance for this precinct.

The following wording is from the Allom and Lovell Building Citation, 1998 for the property. Please note that this is a "Building Citation", not a "Statement of Significance". For further information refer to the Building Citation held by the City of Yarra.

History:

Mitchell Street is first listed in the Directories and Rate Books c.1912. The houses at Nos. 1-11, on the north side of the street, were first listed in the Rate Books of 1911-1912. Gibdon Davis is shown as the owner of six 4-room wooden houses, each valued at ?22. Davis also owned 120 feet of land in the street, valued at ?10. The following year, the houses are valued at ?24. By 1913-14, the street had been completely developed by Davis; Nos. 2-12, on the south side, had also been built. Each was a 4 room wooden house valued at ?26.

#### Description:

The houses at 2-12 and 1-11 Mitchell Street, Richmond, comprise two rows of three pairs of semi-detached weatherboard cottages, on opposite sides of the street. The houses have hipped corrugated iron roofs, each with a projecting gabled section facing the street. Between these are small recessed entrance porches, with skillion corrugated iron roofs, decorated with cast iron lacework. The gable ends are half-timbered with roughcast rendered infill. Windows on the houses on the north side of the street are double-hung with nine-paned upper sashes. Windows on the houses on the south side of the street are also double-hung, but have vertical glazing bars and four small coloured glass panes in the upper sashes. Chimneys are red brick, with corbelled cappings.

The houses are largely intact, some having alterations to windows and gable ends. The front fences are mostly timber picket, and appear to be of recent construction.

#### Significance:

The houses at 1-11 and 2-12 Mitchell Street, Richmond, are of local architectural significance. Although the houses are typical of speculative developments of modest timber cottages in Richmond by the one developer, this example remains substantially intact and is notable for its extent, comprising twelve houses in two rows on opposite sides of the street.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Yarra - Richmond Conservation Study, John & Thurley O'Connor, Ros Coleman & Heather Wright, 1985; Yarra - City of Yarra Heritage Review, Allom Lovell & Associates, 1998; Yarra - City of Yarra Review of Heritage Overlay Areas, Graeme Butler & Associates, 2007; Yarra - Heritage Gap Study: Review of Central Richmond 2014, Context P/L, 2014;
Construction dates	1912,
Hermes Number	103965
Property Number	

## Physical Description 2

shutters added

## Integrity

good

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