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## 6 Stawell Street



Edwardian timber houses at 22-24 Stawell St (part of the group of similar houses at nos. 6, 8 & 12-24)



Asymmetric Edwardian timber houses at nos. 26 & 28 Stawell St



Similarly styled Edwardian timber houses at 6, 8 & 12-20 Stawell St

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### Location

6 STAWELL STREET RICHMOND, YARRA CITY

### Municipality

YARRA CITY

### Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO481

### Heritage Listing

Yarra City

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### Statement of Significance

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#### What is significant?

The Stawell Street Precinct comprising 6-28 Stawell Street, Richmond is significant. The following buildings and features contribute to the significance of the precinct:

- The houses constructed from 1909 to 1915, as shown on the precinct map.
- The consistency of housing form and scale (pitched gabled or hipped roofs, one storey wall heights), materials and detailing (walls of weatherboard or ashlar, timber framed double hung or casement windows, prominent brick or render chimneys, post-supported verandahs facing the street), and siting (small front and side setbacks).
- The original two alternating designs of the houses at nos. 6, 8 & 12-24 is a key characteristic.

Non-original alterations and additions to the Contributory buildings shown on the precinct map, and the house at 10 Stawell Street are Not Contributory.

### **How is it significant?**

The Stawell Street Precinct is of local historic and architectural significance to the City of Yarra.

### **Why is it significant?**

The precinct demonstrates the housing boom of the early twentieth century in Richmond, when the expansion of manufacturing led to population growth and a demand for housing. It is an example of the groups of houses that were built by speculators and land developers throughout Richmond in the early twentieth century. (Criterion A)

The precinct is representative of the speculative housing estates of the early twentieth century, which comprises houses built to similar designs with small design variation. Together with the houses at nos. 26 & 28 the houses in the precinct demonstrate the transition in residential architecture from the late Victorian era to the Edwardian period and form a distinctive streetscape. (Criteria D & E)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Yarra - Heritage Gap Study: Review of Central Richmond 2014, Context P/L, 2014; Yarra - Heritage Gap Study, Graeme Butler & Associates, 2007;
Construction dates	1909,
Hermes Number	162847
Property Number	

## **Physical Description 1**

This is a residential area comprising double-fronted Edwardian timber houses of two alternating basic types at 6, 8 & 12-24 Stawell Street, constructed by the same builder, as well as two other Edwardian timber houses in different designs at nos. 26 & 28. Together they form a distinctive streetscape with a regular rhythm.

The houses at nos. 6, 8 & 12-24 all have the same symmetrical form comprising a broad hipped roof with gablet and a separate front verandah and two chimneys. All originally had double-hung sash windows on either side of the front door, which has a toplight. They differ in relation to the design of the chimneys, facade and verandahs, as follows:

-The first type (nos. 6, 14, 18, 22) has corbelled red brick chimneys with hip profile verandahs (the verandah detailing for both types is similar and originally comprised turned timber posts, ladder friezes and timber brackets). The facades are clad in weatherboards, which are notched below the windows and separated from the upper wall by a timber ledge. There are also three rows of notched weatherboards at mid-window height.

-The second type (nos. 8, 12, 16, 20, 24) is distinguished from the first type by the smooth rendered chimneys with moulded caps, and the straight-sided skillion verandah. And, while it has the notched weatherboards at mid-window height, the lower section of the front wall features ashlar style cladding with unusual long profile boards.

No. 24 is the most intact example of the second type, and the most intact overall. It retains what appear to be the original verandah posts, frieze and brackets (although the floor has been replaced in concrete and the lower parts of the posts replaced by metal supports). No. 16 is another relatively intact example and has what appear to be

the original verandah posts and frieze, while the brackets may be original or a good reproduction.

No. 22 is the most intact example of the first type. Although it has lost its front windows, like its neighbour it retains what appear to be the original verandah posts, frieze and brackets. It also has what might be one of the original four panel front doors (with non-original glass inserts). No. 6 also retains part of the original verandah detailing (posts and brackets), but has non-original windows and has lost one chimney.

The other houses have undergone a range of changes, although are still recognisable as a cohesive group. The alterations range from the removal of one chimney (6, 8, 12, 18, 20), loss of original verandah posts and frieze or partial enclosure (12, 14, 20), reconstruction of the verandah (18), and replacement of front windows (6, 8, 12, 20, 22). Most of the verandah floors have been replaced in concrete.

The house at no. 26 is also an asymmetrical transitional Federation/Edwardian house with a hip roof with gablet and projecting gable. It has ashlar boards, eaves decoration including paired brackets separated by cricket bar moulds and diamonds, half timbering to the gable end, corbelled brick chimneys, and tall narrow double hung windows (those in the projecting bay below a decorative hood with a ladder frieze). The front door has leadlight surrounds. There are two brick chimneys with roughcast render tops and terracotta pots. The house has a high degree of integrity and intactness.

No. 28, by comparison, is relatively plain. Asymmetrical in plan it has a hip roof with a projecting gable with half timbering. The roof extends to form a verandah at one side of the projecting bay with a ladder frieze and turned posts and brackets. The windows to the facade are groups of three tall casements with toplights. There are two corbelled brick chimneys. The house has a high degree of integrity and intactness.

Fences throughout the precinct are most low and, although none are original, some are sympathetic (low timber pickets).

There is one Not Contributory house at no.10. According to the rate books there were ten identical houses at nos. 6-24 and, given the position of no.10 in the row and its detailing (notched boards below the window and at mid-window height) it appears that this may have once been one of the five original 'Type 1' houses (it appears to be extant in a c.1930s aerial photograph of Richmond Racecourse). However, if it was it has been significantly altered including removal of half of the facade, and now has a double storey addition.

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