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# RELOVA REDRESSING LAUNDRY (FORMER)



RICHMOND HODDLE  
STREET 129 Unit 1.jpg

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## Location

1 / 129 HODDLE STREET, RICHMOND VIC 3121 - Property No 324000

## Municipality

YARRA CITY

## Level of significance

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## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO391

## Heritage Listing

Yarra City

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 1, 1930

### What is significant?

The former Relova Redressing Laundry at 129 Hoddle Street, Richmond is significant to the extent of the 1937 fabric. It was designed by architect Walter Mason in the streamlined Moderne style. It has a rooftop tank in a large drum shape, while the rest of the design stresses horizontality with its long cemented spandrels, relieved by tapestry brick blends, metal framed window strips and street side planter box..

Non-original alterations and additions to the building are not significant.

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

The former Relova Redressing Laundry at 129 Hoddle Street, Richmond is architecturally aesthetically significant to Richmond and the City of Yarra.

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

The former Relova Redressing Laundry is architecturally and aesthetically significant (Criteria E & H) as a distinctive building type (industrial laundry) where the function of the building is used as a bold architectural expression. The scale and form of the building with its prominent tower element is a landmark along Hoddle Street, and as one of the best works by the architect Walter Mason in his favoured Moderne style.

Heritage Study/Consultant Yarra - Heritage Gap Study, Graeme Butler & Associates, 2007;

Construction dates 1930,

Hermes Number 167678

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## **Physical Description 1**

The design was in streamlined Moderne form, with one of the major elements of the building being boldly expressed as the rooftop tank in a large drum shape. The rest of the design stresses horizontality with its long cemented spandrels, relieved by tapestry brick blends, metal framed window strips and street side planter box. The rest of the building was more prosaic.

It has been turned into apartments. This has involved the removal of ground-floor window glazing (as this level is now used as a garage). The entry and staircase glazing has also been replaced with contemporary doors and glazing.

*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

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