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# 154 Somerset Street



RICHMOND SOMERSET  
STREET 154.jpg

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## Location

154 SOMERSET STREET RICHMOND - PROPERTY NUMBER 156855 AND 154 SOMERSET STREET RICHMOND, YARRA CITY

## Municipality

YARRA CITY

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO404

HO456

## Heritage Listing

Yarra City

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 1, 1905

### What is significant?

The former Richmond Metropolitan Fire Station at 154 Somerset Street, Richmond is significant to the extent of the 1905-10 fabric. The brick fire station, built for the Board as a Richmond branch of the Metropolitan Fire

Brigade (MFB), may have been designed by architect Percy Oakden, who was appointed architect to the MFB in 1899. It has a two-storey gabled residential wing with an austere but effective ornament and attached verandah to one side.

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

The former Richmond Metropolitan Fire Station at 154 Somerset Street, Richmond is historically and architecturally significant to Richmond and the City of Yarra.

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

The former Richmond Metropolitan Fire Station is historically significant (Criterion A):

. as a former Metropolitan Fire Station and barracks building that was among the first built for the Board in the Richmond area, a site of major development for the MFB after the Second War.

The former Richmond Metropolitan Fire Station is architecturally significant (Criterion D):

. As a characteristic early twentieth century fire station and residence.

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

Construction dates 1905,

Architect/Designer Oakden & Ballantyne, Oakden, Percy,

Hermes Number 170030

Property Number

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### **Physical Description 1**

Distinctive elements include the two storey gabled residential wing with its austere but effective ornament and attached verandah to one side. The building has been altered but is still recognisable as a fire station with some of the changes (red doors) having reinforced this imagery.

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