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Location

64 WELLINGTON STREET COLLINGWOOD, YARRA CITY

Municipality

YARRA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO420

Heritage Listing

Yarra City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

What is significant?

The 1895 building at 64 Wellington Street, Collingwood, is a large two storey factory/warehouse building with a long single hipped roof, gabled at the west end, and clad in corrugated galvanised steel. The facade to Wellington Street is in red brick with two flat-faced stringcourses at ground and first floor levels separated by a moulded cornice. The facade is capped by a rendered stepped and corniced parapet with a central female-head moulding and flanking consoles; the windows and door to the principal facade have overpainted round arches in brick, intersecting with the top stringcourse. Both side elevations have windows at ground and first floor levels. The building has a single-course base in bluestone, rough-fronted at the sides, planed and overpainted at the front.

How is it significant?

The building at 64 Wellington Street, Collingwood, is of local historical and aesthetic/architectural significance.

Why is it significant?

The large two storey red brick former boot factory at 64 Wellington Street, which dates from 1895, is of local historical significance. It was established by William Peatt, a successful local boot maker, who commenced operations in the 1860s, had a smaller boot factory in Collingwood by the 1870s, and constructed the subject building to meet the growth of his business in the 1890s. It was also one of a number of shoe and boot factories in Collingwood and Abbotsford, an area which attracted leather-based manufacturing due to the proximity of tanneries on the banks of the Yarra River. The growth of Peatt's business is further demonstrated in the later extensions of the factory to the north and east to Langridge Street. The 1895 building is also of local aesthetic/architectural significance. It is a comparatively largely externally intact example of a late nineteenth and early twentieth century former factory/warehouse building, where the red brick facade to Wellington Street is handsomely proportioned and well detailed; and the rendered stepped and corniced parapet with a central female-head moulding and flanking consoles is a prominent element. The survival of the building as largely free-standing, save for the later extension to the east and rear is also of note. The building additionally demonstrates some of the principal characteristics of late nineteenth and early twentieth century former factory/warehouse buildings. It combines the typical arrangement of front office accommodation, as evidenced by the more formal presentation and entry to Wellington Street, with more utilitarian factory spaces to the rear. The regular windows to the long side elevations are also typical, introduced to facilitate an even light to the interior working areas.

Theme

5. Building Victoria's industries and workforce

Heritage Study/Consultant	Yarra - Heritage Gap Study, Graeme Butler & Associates, 2007; Yarra - City of Yarra Heritage Gaps Study 2012 (Heritage Gaps Amendment two), Lovell Chen, 2012;
Construction dates	1894,
Other Names	Peatt Boot factory (also Knitting Mills?), former,
Hermes Number	176202
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

2 storey brick, classical revival

Integrity

[The following description is based on the building fronting Wellington Street. The building components to the east, including to Langridge Street (at no.55), are already included in the Heritage Overlay, under HO109.]

The property at 64 Wellington Street, to the corner of Glasgow Street, dates from 1895 and is a large two storey factory/warehouse building in red brick.[i] It has a long single hipped roof, gabled at the west end, and clad in corrugated galvanised steel. The facade to Wellington Street is in red brick with two flat-faced stringcourses on the ground and first floor levels separated by a moulded cornice. The facade is capped by a rendered stepped and corniced parapet with a central female-head moulding and flanking consoles. There are four evenly spaced windows at first floor level and three at ground level with an entry door in the second bay from the southern end. The windows have bluestone sills and are fitted with non-original awning windows and fixed-pane fan lights. The windows and door have overpainted round arches in brick, intersecting with the top stringcourse. Bars are fitted over the ground floor windows, and the side windows at this level have been refitted with hopper window frames. Both side elevations have windows at ground and first floor levels, although a large expanse of the north wall has been rendered (or concreted) over, possibly covering original windows; signage is currently in place on this elevation. The building has a single-course base in bluestone, rough-fronted at the sides, planed and overpainted at the front.

[i] The property boundary is shown as Lot 1 on Title Plan 687632N, Volume 05492 Folio 312.

Intactness

Good

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