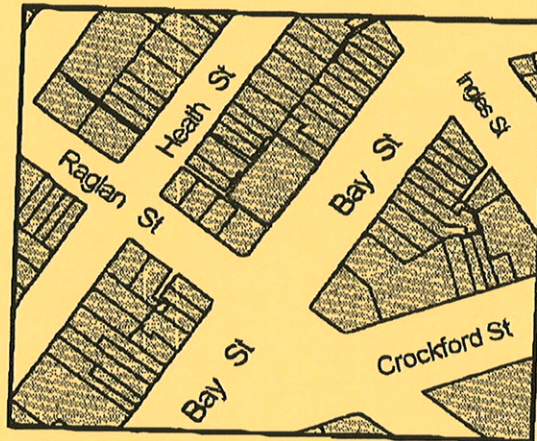
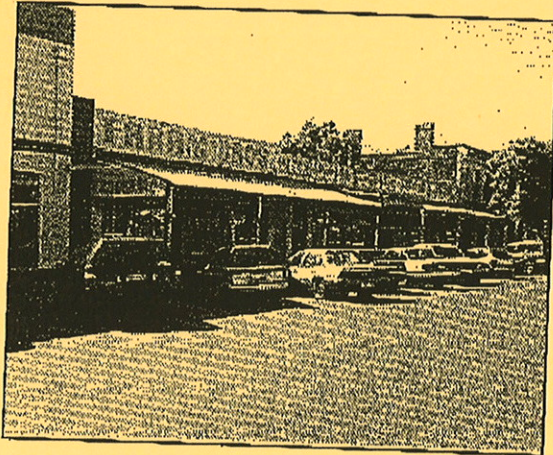


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Identifier Faram Bros. Shop
Formerly unknown



Heritage Precinct Overlay HO1
 Heritage Overlay(s)

Address 405-415 Bay St
 PORT MELBOURNE

Category Commercial: residential

Constructed 1859

Designer unknown

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Comment

Significance (Mapped as a Significant heritage property.)

405 - 15 Bay Street is of local significance. Although the 1859 two storey timber shop and residence, which represents a notable survival of an early building type, has been partly demolished, the surviving ground floor is significant being an early Port Melbourne building retaining its original retail use. The 1920s verandah is the longest continuous cast iron verandah remaining in Port Melbourne, and demonstrates a previously common streetscape element.

Primary Source

Allom Lovell and Associates, Port Melbourne Conservation Study review Vol. 2, 1995

Other Studies

Jacobs Lewis Vines, Port Melbourne Conservation Study, 1979

Description

PRINCIPAL THEME: Commerce/Trade

SUB-THEME: Shops

ORIGINAL OWNER: A. G. Warren

LOCAL/PRECINCT CHARACTER:
 Precinct Character (Similar to adjacent,
 contributes to overall character of the precinct)

AUTHENTICITY
 40% original

BUILDING TYPE: Shop

ORIGINAL RESIDENTIAL Residence attached to commercial premises

USE TYPE:

PRINCIPAL MATERIAL: Timber

PHYSICAL/STYLISTIC DESCRIPTION

This group of single storey shops comprises the remaining ground floor of the 1859 building to the south and

the early 1920s section to the north. The 1859 building retains the 1907 shop front, with central splayed entry, and has a pressed metal ceiling internally, probably of early twentieth century date. The 1920s timber shop front to the north section and the verandah added at various dates from the 1920s, remain largely intact. The verandah is of standard design with cast iron posts, frieze panels and brackets.

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

In its earlier form, with 1859 two storey weatherboard shop and 1920s extension, this building was virtually unique in the inner metropolitan area as a survival of an early colonial two-storey timber shop building. Even in its present state, the building is unusual in the urban context and is more characteristic of the often ad hoc development and timber construction of shops in rural areas.

History

The original shop on the site was constructed in 1859 by A.G. Warren, the original purchaser of Allotment 9 comprising the southern part of the existing site. Allotment 10, comprising the remainder of the site to the north, had been purchased by M.B. Muir in 1859, who constructed some smaller buildings. (1)

The Warren shop was a two storey weatherboarded building with a gabled roof, and was used originally as a general store with living accommodation above. A new shop front was constructed in 1907. (2)

The Faram brothers purchased the property in 1919, adding a cast iron verandah in front of the original shop the following year and constructing a single storey extension to the north in the early 1920s. The verandah was extended the full length of the shop subsequently. (3)

The upper floor of the 1859 house was demolished in 1970. (4)

Thematic Context

unknown

Recommendations

A Ward, Port Phillip Heritage Review, 1998

recommended inclusions:

Schedule to the Heritage Overlay Table in the City of Port Phillip Planning Scheme

References

1. They Can Carry Me Out, pp. 65 - 67
2. *ibid.*
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