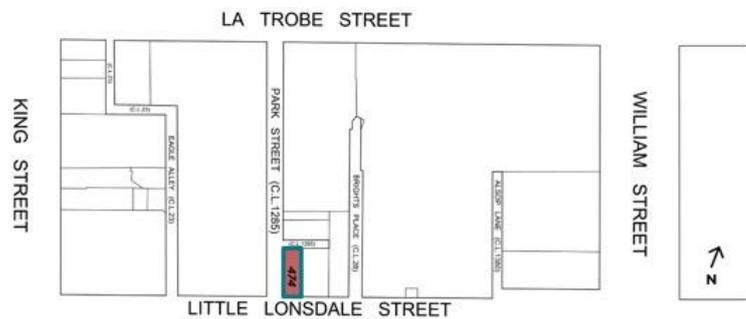


STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Heritage Place: Residence

PS ref no: HO1282



What is significant?

474 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, built in 1879.

Elements that contribute to the significance of the place include (but are not limited to):

- The building's original external form, materials and detailing reflective of its mid-Victorian construction;
- Pattern and size of original fenestration with simple moulded architraves; and
- Parapet with simple moulded cornice, and rustication to the edges of the buildings.

More recent alterations including the ground level shopfronts and changes to the openings on the Park Street elevation are not significant.

How it is significant?

474 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne is of local historic, rarity and representative significance to the City of Melbourne.

Why it is significant?

The building at 474 Little Lonsdale Street is historically significant for its demonstration of both living in the city in the late 1870s and also its demonstration of commercial use as a result of remodelling and additions in 1920. (Criterion A)

474 Little Lonsdale Street is significant as one of a small group of houses remaining from the mid-Victorian period. It is a rare survivor of the residential terrace rows of Park Street and surroundings. While the building has undergone changes to its use, orientation and appearance, it still retains its early residential form. (Criterion B)

474 Little Lonsdale Street is a notable example of a mid Victorian city residence that is still legible as both a commercial and a residential building. Attributes include the corner location and building form with both Lonsdale Street and Park Street elevations, and its restrained Victorian stucco façade detail. The use and evolution of the building is evidenced in its window and door openings, including recessed shopfronts and a bluestone threshold on Park Street, indicating the original opening of the early residential building. Architecturally the moulded cornice, banded rustication and plain window openings are characteristic of its mid-Victorian origins. (Criterion D)

Primary source

Hoddle Grid Heritage Review (Context & GJM Heritage, 2020)