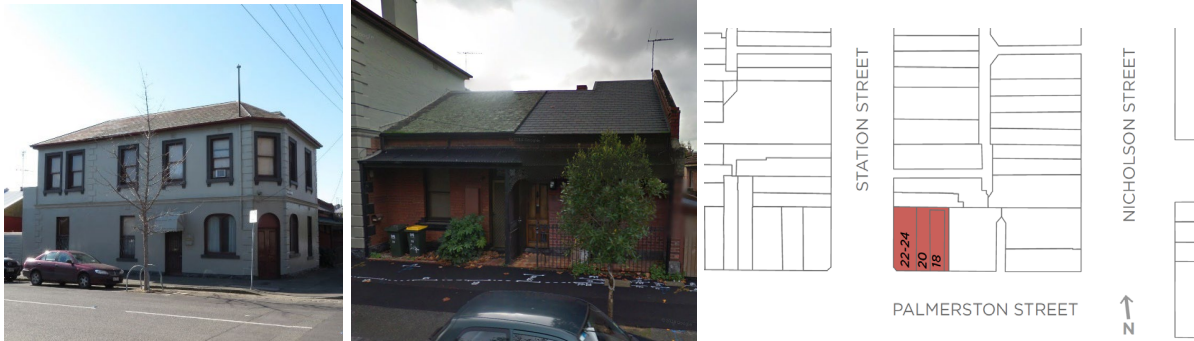


Statement of Significance: Hotel and Residences, 18-24 Palmerston Street, Carlton (November, 2021)

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What is significant?

The former Sir John Young Hotel at 22-24 Palmerston Street, and the adjoining cottages at 18 and 20 Palmerston Street, Carlton, which date from 1869-70, are significant.

How is it significant?

The former Sir John Young Hotel at 22-24 Palmerston Street, and the adjoining cottages at 18 and 20 Palmerston Street, Carlton, are of local historical (including rarity) and aesthetic significance.

Why is it significant?

The former hotel and adjoining cottages in Palmerston Street, Carlton, are of historical significance (Criterion A). At the time of their construction in 1869-1870, the building group was owned by a member of the levers family, prominent and renowned in nineteenth century Carlton for their property interests and involvement in local affairs, including local politics. By the 1870s, Carlton was a substantially developed residential suburb, and while commercial precincts had developed in Barkly and Lygon streets, there were many hotels scattered throughout the suburb. Some of these, as with the subject property, were located to the corners of residential streets. The double-storey form and massing, splayed main entrance to the corner and the visible side elevations to the adjoining streets are all typical characteristics of these early and much valued hotels, and clearly point to its original use within this still residential context. The hotel retains its capacity to demonstrate both the role, and proliferation, of the historic 'corner pub' in inner suburbs such as Carlton. The adjoining cottages are important historical components of the site, and together with the former hotel emphasise the early pattern of houses and hotels, and commercial and residential building types, being located in proximity.

The former Sir John Young Hotel and adjoining cottages are also of aesthetic significance (Criterion E). The subject hotel is significant for retaining its largely original early form, having avoided the fate of many early hotels which were required, by early twentieth century liquor licensing laws, to update and refurbish the premises, often involving the construction of an additional accommodation wing and an interwar 'make-over'. The hotel and cottages display a simply detailed and modest scale and form which is characteristic of early historic development in Carlton, and while devoid of flamboyant ornament and little in the way of architectural adornment, their austere expression clearly reflects an early construction date. While the adjoining cottages are not in themselves especially distinctive in

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terms of their architecture, the co-construction of the two building groups in a manner which stylistically and architecturally distinguished them is unusual (Criterion B). It is not that uncommon to have a direct association between a hotel and adjoining buildings, such as shops, but an association between a larger hotel and a pair of modest cottages, with quite different forms and detailing, and architectural expression, is more infrequent.

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