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## ARDOCH TOWERS (FORMER)



34 Brewster Street.JPG



Essendon Conservation  
Study 1985

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### Location

34 BREWSTER STREET,, ESSENDON VIC 3040 - Property No 200550

### Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO40

### Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

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### Statement of Significance

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Architecturally, an uncommon form (towered) of a typical 19th century suburban style (Italianate) which has been augmented in a subtle and sympathetic manner, after the Arts and Craft manner, to create a visually impressive fusion of the two periods. It is greatly enhanced by its landscape, setting and is prominent in the surrounding streetscape: of regional importance.

Historically, built to occupy one of the 1850s 'village' allotments, (although later) this house evokes the former subdivision, now resubdivided; also it was the home of two men prominent in Essendon's pastoral era: of regional importance.

Heritage Study/Consultant Moonee Valley - Essendon Conservation Study, Graeme Butler, 1985;  
Construction dates 1884,  
Other Names House,  
Hermes Number 23950  
Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

A stuccoed brick Italianate styled villa with a central parapeted and elevated entrance porch, which is flanked by cast-iron decorated verandahs, garden urns and faceted window bays. Ashlar ruling to the facade emphasises these bays which are also expressed above the verandah roof as minor bays in the otherwise slated, M-hip roof. A tower possibly, from a later date (detail differs) is set asymmetrically.

Skilfully integrated and designed renovations are apparent from early this century (c1912), including cementing and foliation on the chimney shafts and an impressive and extensive, stuccoed masonry fence which has similarly Medieval inspired plant friezes to each pier and swagged, capped walls between.

A mature garden setting (Moreton Bay Figs) and gravel paving enhance this house.

Integrity: Generally complete, given the above additions.

Streetscape; Set in a wide boulevard and on a corner site, almost axial to Nicholson Street.

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