
HOUSE (MAR LODGE)



33B Forrester Street.JPG



Essendon Conservation Study 1985

Location

33A & 33B FORRESTER STREET, ESSENDON, MOONEE VALLEY CITY

Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO53

Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The house formerly known as 'Mar Lodge', constructed c.1865 with later additions, at 33A Forrester Street, Essendon to the extent of the surviving nineteenth century form, materials and detailing is significant. It is a mid Victorian era stuccoed brick house, which is oriented to the south and has a hipped and slated main roof, transverse gabled wings and an iron, hipped roofed wing to the north. The south-facing facade has a projecting three sided bay window and three tall double hung sash windows in the main elevation. The east facing porch

appears of the date range c.1890-1910 as suggested by chimney cornice form, glass patterns and ridge details whilst the northern and south-western wings may be earlier.

Alterations and additions dating from the inter-war period or later and other buildings on the site are not significant.

How it is significant?

The former 'Mar Lodge' is of local historic significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

Why is it significant?

Historically, it is significant as an example of a house associated with an early phase of settlement in Essendon prior to suburban development in the twentieth century. Many of these early houses were lost as a result of later subdivision and development and the significance of this place is enhanced by its rarity as one of a small number of surviving examples. Although altered, the surviving Victorian form, materials and detailing, and position and orientation of the house facing away from the street clearly identify it as an early house pre-dating the later subdivision that surrounds it. (Criteria A & B)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moonee Valley - Moonee Valley Heritage Overlay Places Review, David Helms Heritage Planning, 2012; Moonee Valley - Essendon Conservation Study, Graeme Butler, 1985;
Construction dates	1865,
Other Names	Review,
Hermes Number	23962
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The former 'Mar Lodge' is a mid Victorian era stuccoed brick house, which is oriented to the south. It is within a subdivision that contains housing of the 1920s onwards. The siting and orientation of this house within a large allotment identifies it as an early house within the area.

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The house appears little changed in plan from 1907 when it was shown on the MMBW plan. External changes include painting of the face brick chimneys and possibly the walls restuccoed in general renovations whilst additions have been placed to the north. A garage has been constructed in the north-west corner of the property close to the Forrester Street boundary, and another outbuilding in the south-west corner. Fencing and property subdivision which now obscures the south facade are other changes.

When originally assessed in 1991 some fine Norfolk Island Pines survived within the garden of this property and on the lot adjoining to the east. They have since been removed and in 2012 the only early garden remnant is a Monterey Cypress (*Cupressus macrocarpa*) on the north side of the house.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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