
Hillview



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Location

1104 Malvern Road ARMADALE, Stonnington City

Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO536

Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

'Hillview', a grand Victorian villa at 1104 Malvern Road, Armadale, built c.1887-88 for the notable Australian cricketer Thomas Patrick Horan, is significant. Thomas Horan (1854-1916) was former captain of the Australian cricket team who remains the only Irish-born Australian Test cricketer. He also worked as a cricket writer for the *Australian* until his death in 1916.

The house is two storeys in height with an unusual three-sided verandah to the central projecting wing. It is highly intact and its presentation to the public realm, including generous setback within the established garden, is significant.

Modern additions and extensions such as the garage and high masonry front fence are not significant.

How is it significant?

'Hillview' at 1104 Malvern Road, Armadale is of local architectural and aesthetic significance, and historical interest to the City of Stonnington.

Why is it significant?

Architecturally, 'Hillview', at 1104 Malvern Road, Armadale is an excellent and intact example of a prestigious and substantial Victorian residence of the sort that were beginning to characterise the suburb of Armadale in the 1880s. It is Italianate in style with characteristic features including the M-profile hipped roof with bracketed eaves and clad in slate, with cast iron verandah, segmentally arched windows and bichrome brickwork patterning. (Criterion D)

Aesthetically, 'Hillview' is distinguished by its prominent three-sided verandah that encircles the central projecting wing. The verandah dominates the presentation of the house to the street and gives the impression of a pavilion when viewed in elevation. It is of a high quality and has a range of intricate cast-iron patterns including a highly detailed balustrade to the first floor balcony, fluted cast-iron columns and dentilated verandah beams. (Criterion E)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Stonnington - City of Stonnington Victorian Houses Study, City of Stonnington, 2016; Stonnington - City of Malvern Heritage Study, Nigel Lewis and Richard Aitken P/L, 1992;
Construction dates	1887,
Other Names	1104 Malvern Road, Armadale,
Hermes Number	31120
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The residence known as 'Hillview' at 1104 Malvern Road is a substantial two-storey polychrome brick residence that occupies a deep allotment on the south side of Malvern Road, mid-block between Adelaide Street and Glenferrie Road in Armadale. The house is set back from the main road behind a high masonry wall and an established garden. A modern driveway runs down the east boundary of the property and terminates at a contemporary two-storey weatherboard garage/outbuilding detached at the rear of the main house.

Constructed in 1887-1888, the building is highly intact and is notable for its elaborate detailing and strong three dimensional expression, created by the two-storey verandah that returns on three sides around the central projecting wing that is centred to the front of the building. The building has a hipped roof, clad in slate tiles. The verandah dominates the presentation of the house to the street and gives the impression of a pavilion when viewed in elevation. The verandah is of a high quality and has a range of intricate cast-iron patterns including a highly detailed balustrade to the first floor balcony and fluted cast-iron columns. Large dentil mouldings to the verandah beams add further embellishment to the composition.

The bichrome brick patterning is restrained with cream brick dressings against the red brick walls used to emphasise openings and corners, and as a continuous band below the brick eaves brackets. The bichrome

patterning is also continuous to the visible chimney with unpainted cement render mouldings.

The ground floor windows beneath the verandah are impressive full-height segmentally arched double-hung sashes with bluestone sills at the tiled verandah level. Other visible windows of the house are segmentally arched double-hung sashes, apart from one round-arched sash window to the north-east first floor corner (east elevation). The front door appears to be intact, complete with highlights and sidelights, although the original decorative glazing may have been lost.

The exterior is highly intact and despite the high masonry front wall that conceals much of the house from Malvern Road, the original curtilage and setbacks remain evident.

Local Historical Themes

This place illustrates the following themes, as identified in the *Stonnington Thematic Environmental History* (Context Pty Ltd, rev. 2009):

3.3.3 Speculators and land boomers

8.4.1 Houses as a symbol of wealth, status and fashion

10.7.1 Sport

'Hillview' is of historical interest for its association with its first owner-occupier notable Australian cricketer Thomas Patrick Horan.

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