
Athole, 18 Poplar Grove



18 Poplar Grove Carnegie,
August 1994.

Location

18 Poplar Grove CARNEGIE, Glen Eira City

Municipality

GLEN EIRA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO80

Heritage Listing

Glen Eira City

Statement of Significance

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"Athole" is situated at no. 18 Poplar Grove, Carnegie and was designed by and built for its owner, the noted architect John Thomas Kelleher, in 1889. It is a single storeyed Italianate villa with noteworthy features. It is historically and aesthetically significant.

It is historically significant (Criterion A) as the home of J.T. Kelleher, a prominent architect of the Victorian Public Works Department during the late nineteenth century. As such, it offers insights into the stylistically innovative nature of this architect and moreover, of his work for the Department. It is historically significant also as a rare

surviving late Victorian villa in its locality.

It is aesthetically significant (Criterion E) for its capacity to demonstrate the highly individual and eclectic approach taken by Kelleher in the design of his own house.

Such elements as the hood moulds, turned timber posts and fretted brackets were highly innovative for their time whilst the exotic horseshoe archway and ornamented bulkhead in the hallway are contributory elements.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Glen Eira - Caulfield Conservation Study, Andrew Ward, Architectural Historian, 1994;
Other Names	"Athole",
Hermes Number	35419
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

An unusual late Victorian Indian influenced eclectic stuccoed villa with encircling turned timber posted bullnose verandah to faceted front, glazed timber framed sun room, slate roof, stained glass work, encaustic tiled verandah floor and hood moulds, reinforcing the Indian flavour. The verandah post brackets are unusual.

Inside, schemes of decoration are understood to include handpainted designs of birds, flowers and cherubs, floor tiles based on a pattern from Sind in India and exceptional cast plaster work.

Physical Description 2

Integrity: High, chimney caps removed, timber stables.

Physical Description 3

Condition: good

Historical Australian Themes

Victorian Middle Class suburban expansion

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