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east melbourne front view



H0103 plan

Location

116 WELLINGTON PARADE EAST MELBOURNE, MELBOURNE CITY

Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0103

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO103

VHR Registration

October 9, 1974

Amendment to Registration

March 12, 1980

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 19, 2000

What is significant?

The house known as Virginia at 116 Wellington Parade was built in 1864 to the design of an unknown architect. The owner was James Prince, an auctioneer. The facade of this two storey stuccoed brick building is divided into three bays by four giant order Corinthian pilasters. The elaborate entablature, with dentils and modillions to the cornice, is surmounted by a plain parapet. A raised section of parapet flanked by scrolls sits over the central bay. The ground floor openings to the main facade have bracketed hoods. The front door is off-set to the left hand bay. The windows are all shuttered. The house is set back from the street by a front garden.

How is it significant?

Virginia is of architectural significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

Virginia is architecturally significant as a grand statement of 1860s inner suburban sophistication and pretension. The giant order Corinthian pilasters of the grand facade add considerable Regency-style sophistication to the house and to the streetscape of East Melbourne.

Permit Exemptions

General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

Places of worship: In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must [notify](#) the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or

activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

Subdivision/consolidation: Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

Construction dates	1864,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	CORINTHIAN HOUSE/VILLA,
Hermes Number	413
Property Number	

History

Contextual History:

There was little development of East Melbourne before 1852 as the area remained reserved by the government long after Fitzroy, Collingwood and Richmond were made available for development. In 1848 Bishop Perry chose the area for his Anglican Bishop's Palace overlooking the Fitzroy Gardens. The first public land sales in East Melbourne took place in June 1852, when 20 allotments were sold off. Between 1852 and 1870 a total of 299 crown allotments were sold off.

Development took off in the late 1850s after the gold rush subsided. Many terraces were built for rental and lodging. The residential area known as Yarra Park was bounded by Wellington Parade, Vale Street and Punt Road. It was the site of the original police barracks but was subdivided in the 1880s.

(Ashton and Wilson, East Melbourne Conservation Study 1975)

History of Place:

When Virginia was built in 1864 Wellington Parade was already an elegant street of houses, including Captain Devlin's seven-room brick house and Archdeacon Braham's ten-room brick and stone house with stables. Virginia remained in the hands of the Prince family until 1891 when it was purchased by Clara Ripper of Queen's Mansion, St Kilda. She sold it in 1895 to Herbert Walters. The next owner was Eileen Warne in 1930, at which stage it was recorded as a thirteen-room house. In 1958 it was bought by Dr Edward Prendergast.

(National Trust research notes, 1975)

Extent of Registration

Historic Building No. 103 "Virginia" 116 Wellington Parade, East Melbourne (to the extent of the total exterior fabric of the building including its rear service wing as defined by the blue perimeter on plans No. 103.1 and No. 103.2 respectively held at the offices of the Historic Buildings Preservation Council and that area of land comprising the front garden as defined by the red perimeter on Plan No. 103.3 held at the offices of the Historic Buildings Preservation Council.

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. 18 12 March 1980 p.799]

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.

For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>