
Bishopscourt



B0187 Bishops Court East
Melbourne

Location

120 Clarendon Street,, EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002 - Property No B0187

Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

Level of significance

State

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0027

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

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Tenders for Bishopscourt were called by Newson and Blackburn in 1849. Work was delayed by the goldrush. In 1851 tenders were called for its completion (architects: Russell and Thomas) and by 1853 it was ready for occupation.

It consisted then of the existing bluestone wing with tower flanked on the north side with a one storey stone wing. This latter part was demolished in 1903 and the present brick wing was erected by F Nixon (architects: Inskip and Butler). This is the oldest house in East Melbourne and has been the residence of the anglican Bishop and later Archbishop of Melbourne since 1853. The house is an important example of early Melbourne architecture. Its

Italianate asymmetrical form with tower and arcades is the precursor of many grand Melbourne mansions. The rubble bluestone, simple mouldings and French windows reflect early building techniques. The red brick wing is notable. The house is surrounded by spacious grounds.

Of the original 1853 house it seems little remains, the bluestone exterior and tower being the principal survivors. It appears that the verandahs and bay window date from a later period. Little remains of the original interior. The complex has been recently restored and should be carefully maintained in its present state.

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Hermes Number 64554

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