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# Gothick House



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## Location

42 Abbotsford Street, ABBOTSFORD VIC 3067 - Property No 110790

## Municipality

YARRA CITY

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO2

## Heritage Listing

Yarra City

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 1, 2008

The following wording is from the Allom and Lovell Building Citation, 1998 for the property. Please note that this is a "Building Citation", not a "Statement of Significance". For further information refer to the Building Citation held by the City of Yarra.

History

By 1866 Thomas Wilson, a builder, had purchased land on the north side of Abbotsford Street, midway between Hunter and Paterson Streets. In 1867 he built two weatherboard houses in Abbotsford Street, including a two-roomed house for use as his own residence, which he extended to four rooms two years later (see separate datasheet for 40 Abbotsford Street). Wilson remained owner/occupier of No. 40 in 1873, when he erected this brick house at what is now 42 Abbotsford Street. He appears not to have occupied the house until 1879. In 1884-85 he rented the property to Henry Tolhurst, an architect and a Collingwood surveyor, but by 1888 Wilson once again was residing at the house, where he remained until at least 1901.

#### Description:

The house at 42 Abbotsford Street, Abbotsford, is a large two-storey rendered brick house. Its composition is asymmetrical, with a projecting bay to the east which partly encloses a verandah to the west. The roof is gabled, and the projecting bay has a gable end facing the street. Window and door openings are stop-chamfered, and the walls have vermiculated quoining. The windows are tripartite timber-framed double-hung sashes. On the protruding bay to the east, the upper level window has a hood with a frieze of cast iron lacework, above a bay window at the corresponding lower level. The verandah and balcony have cast iron lacework friezes, and a balustrade of panels. The verandah retains a black and white tessellated tiled floor.

The design of the house may be derived from a pattern book.

Alterations include the replacement of the original roofing with tiles, modifications to the ground floor verandah column, and the replacement of the original front fence. It most probably had a decorative (scalloped?) bargeboard to the gable which has been removed.

#### Significance:

The house at 42 Abbotsford Street, Abbotsford, is of local architectural significance and local historical interest. Architecturally, the house is unusually large in an area which was developed primarily with more modest attached dwellings. Of local historical interest is its association with Henry Tolhurst, architect and Collingwood surveyor.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Yarra - City of Collingwood Conservation Study, Andrew Ward & Associates, 1989; Yarra - City of Collingwood Conservation Study, Andrew Ward & Associates, 1995; Yarra - City of Yarra Heritage Review, Allom Lovell & Associates, 1998; Yarra - City of Yarra Review of Heritage Overlay Areas, Graeme Butler & Associates, 2007;
Construction dates	1867,
Hermes Number	103471
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## **Integrity**

not assessed

*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/>*