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Location

20 Como Street, ALPHINGTON VIC 3078 - Property No 273930

Municipality

YARRA CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO69

Heritage Listing

Yarra City

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:

In 1885 Thomas Wills' Lucerne Farm (Crown Portion 121), established in the 1840s, was subdivided into the Lucerne Estate by renowned Heidelberg developer, A D Hodgson. Hodgson subdivided the western part of Lucerne Farm in two stages to create Constance, Chamouni and St Bernard Streets, followed by St Gothards and Genera Streets. Joseph Gibbs, a civil engineer, built Traquair in 1890 on land he purchased in this subdivision, possibly to his own design. Mary Crawford, who owned the adjoining property, acquired Traquair soon after 1900. Crawford leased it to George Emerson, a paper ruler. Other occupants from the 1920s to the 1940s included Adam Burrows, John Matheson and Frederick S Webb.

Description:

Traquair, 20 Como Street, Alphington, is a single-storey late Victorian timber villa. Its side and rear walls are of weatherboard, whilst the facade is block-fronted, and the hipped roof is clad in slate. The front elevation is symmetrical, and has two protruding gabled bays with unusual curved timber fretwork and finials, above smaller polygonal bays, each with three windows and hipped roofs clad in fish-scale slate. The central section has a recessed corrugated iron verandah and a single window. The entrance is to the south side, via a concave-profile corrugated iron verandah. Windows are timber-framed double-hung sashes with wide architraves. There are four rendered chimneys with moulded caps.

The front fence is not original.

Significance:

Traquair, 20 Como Street, Alphington, is of local architectural significance. It is an unusual example of a late Victorian timber villa and is set on a large block. Its facade, which is particularly notable, combines Victorian and Edwardian elements in a most unusual, symmetrical composition.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Yarra - Northcote Urban Conservation Study, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1982; 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	1890,
Hermes Number	103745
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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.

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