
House



House, 3 St. Helena Road

Location

3 St Helena Road GREENSBOROUGH, BANYULE CITY

Municipality

BANYULE CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO143

Heritage Listing

Banyule City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The timber house, built circa 1890 at 3 St Helena Road, Greenborough is significant.

How is it significant?

3 St Helena Road has historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Banyule.

Why is it significant?

The house at 3 St Helena Road is of historic significance as a remnant of a larger property of 160 acres owned by grazier William Britnell and William Duncan from 1892. (Criterion A)

3 St Helena Road is one of very few 19th century houses in an area which is largely characterized by development from late inter war and post war eras. (Criterion A)

It is a landmark property in the area, sited prominently at the corner of St Helena and Lower Plenty Roads. Originally occupying a much larger site, the house now stands on a subdivided portion of land, however it is still separate from the neighbouring suburban development and therefore has maintained a rural setting overlooking the Plenty River, natural bushland, hills and sports grounds. Although the roofline appears to have been altered it still retains some notable features such as the verandah detailing and original windows and doors. It is a rare example of the Federation style of residential building in Greensborough. (Criteria B & E)

Heritage Study/Consultant Banyule - Banyule Heritage Review, Context P/L, 2009;

Hermes Number 121140

Property Number

Physical Description 1

The building at 3 St Helena Road Greensborough occupies a very prominent site due to its elevated position. The site is heavily treed with a perimeter of high coniferous hedging overhanging the steep entrance driveway. Built circa 1890s, this house is a rare example of the Federation style of building in Greensborough. The building is a large single-storey dwelling with significant basement formed by the natural slope of the land. It is a simple rectangular box with gable roof and deep front veranda. The roof is clad in corrugated metal and the elevations clad in bevel-backed timber weatherboards. There is a projecting rotunda-shaped feature on the corner of the veranda which creates a prominent feature to the street. The veranda is supported on slender timber columns which are decorated and feature iron brackets to each side of their heads. The veranda is decorated with a decorative timber filigree frieze laid out in geometric patterning, and there is a timber balcony railing with vertical timber balustrades and a central decorative lattice feature to the centre front and rotunda. There are exposed timber rafters to the veranda eaves. A simple square timber lattice is employed as a 'skirt' screen to the building's basement / foundation space with large timber posts as the structural members visible behind. Fenestrations in the front elevation appear to be reasonably symmetrical and are made up of timber framed sash windows with top lights, forming openings that are tall and slender. Changes to the house include a lean-to extension to the street-front and a chimney has that has been curtailed at roof level.

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