

---

## Shop



256 High Street, Windsor



256 High Street, Windsor



256 High Street, Windsor

---

### Location

256 High Street WINDSOR, STONNINGTON CITY

### Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO427

### Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

---

### Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

#### *What is significant?*

The shop located at 256 High Street, Windsor, is a double-storey late-Victorian building with a richly decorated Boom period facade.

#### *How is it significant?*

The shop at 256 High Street, Windsor is of local architectural significance to the City of Stonnington.

### *Why is it significant?*

The shop is architecturally significant as a skilfully designed example of the exuberant classical idiom of the Boom period. The complexity of embellishment is rare in Prahran for a commercial building of this modest size, and stands in contrast to the generally more conservative Italianate designs in nearby Chapel Street.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Stonnington - Shops in the City of Stonnington Heritage Citations Project, Bryce Raworth Pty Ltd, 2011; Stonnington - City of Stonnington - Heritage Precincts - Intact Shop Fronts Survey 2012, Context P/L, 2012;
Hermes Number	192108
Property Number	

---

## Physical Description 1

The building at 256 High Street, Windsor is a late-Victorian double-storey shop with an exuberant boom period facade. The first floor facade is constructed of face brick with a complex overlay of stuccoed classical ornament. It has a tripartite window composed like a temple front with a dentilated triangular pediment, and pilasters with Corinthian order capitals. The pilaster shafts are decorated with unusual curved incisions. At either end of the facade are broad pilasters with 'cricket bat' style rustication. The roof line is concealed by a balustraded parapet with an arched pediment bearing the numerals '886' in raised rendered lettering (presumably to show that it was built in 1886, but with the '1' missing). The skilful assemblage of facade ornament suggests the involvement of a skilled architect, as does the 1887 auction notice above, which describes the building as the work of a 'first class' architect (but does not list his name).

The first floor High Street facade and the Hornby Street sideage both appear substantially intact apart from painting over of face brickwork, some missing parapet balusters and the removal of glazing bars from one window sash. The ground floor shopfront has been replaced although the masonry plinth appears original. The building has no front verandah, but may originally have been built without such - there is no indication of a verandah on the 1896 MMBW plan above.

## Local Historical Themes

### 7.1 'Serving Local Communities'

#### Shopfront

Intact elements: Partial, bluestone pillars and stallboard.

*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/>*