
Glendower



612 Malvern Road, Prahran



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Location

612 Malvern Road, PRAHRAN VIC 3181 - Property No 33284

Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

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Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

'Glendower', at 612 Malvern Road, Prahran, is significant. The two-storey freestanding polychrome brick terrace-type residence was built c1886 by owner and builder Alfred Spurr.

The house has an asymmetrical terraced form with a hipped roof, exposed eaves brackets and a return verandah which retains cast-iron detail. The house is substantially intact and is significant to the extent of its nineteenth century exterior form and fabric.

How is it significant?

'Glendower', at 612 Malvern Road, Prahran is of local architectural and aesthetic significance to the City of Stonnington.

Why is it significant?

'Glendower', at 612 Malvern Road, Prahran is an intact representative example of the substantial houses built for the middle-class residences of Prahran during the boom years of the 1880s and early 1890s. The terrace house form, most commonly constructed with blind boundary walls and verandah wing walls in rows in the densely packed inner suburbs, were constructed as free-standing house for the grander houses on more spacious sites. 'Glendower' exhibits typical features of this type, including the masonry verandah wing wall (to one side) creating a focus on the front facade, as well as a generous return verandah and the early exposed eaves brackets which were more common before the mid-1880s. (Criterion D)

Aesthetically, 'Glendower' is distinguished by the level of bold and characteristic polychrome brick patterning to the facade, wing wall and chimney. This brickwork is expressed as a cream and red brick trim to dark Hawthorn bricks in a diamond pattern to the windows, front door, building corners and wing wall. Diamonds are also expressed in brick below the bluestone window sills, between the eaves brackets and to the boxy chimney with cream brick capping and corbelling. The visual effect of the cast-iron verandah over the bold polychrome patterning is particularly lively and of note. (Criterion E)

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Physical Description 1

'Glendower' is a substantial two-storey Italianate polychrome brick residence that occupies a site with a small setback on the south side of Malvern Road between Lorne and Chatsworth roads. The residence is an intact example of a late-Victorian dwelling which is distinctive for the bold and characteristic polychrome brick patterning to the facade, wing wall and chimney.

Constructed c1886 the residence adopts a simple asymmetrical form with a two-storey return verandah set within a single masonry wing wall fronting Malvern Road. The house is similar in form and detailing to its neighbour at 600 Malvern Road, although this example adopts a more standard polychrome expression.

The building has a transverse hipped roof clad in slate with corrugated iron to the verandah. The return verandah has high quality cast-iron lacework in the frieze, second floor balustrade and brackets and retains the fluted cast-iron posts. The timber verandah beams are further embellished by beaded trim boards. The verandah retains the bluestone nosing but the verandah tiles have been lost.

The building is notable for the decorative detailing of the polychrome brickwork which is expressed as a cream and red brick trim to dark Hawthorn bricks in a diamond pattern to the windows, front door, building corners and wing wall. Diamonds are also expressed in brick below the bluestone window sills, between the eaves brackets and to the boxy chimney with cream brick capping and corbelling. The visual effect of the cast-iron verandah over the bold polychrome patterning is particularly lively.

The elaborate four panelled entrance door retains a number of etched glazing panels to the sidelights. The windows are simple square-headed double-hung sashes. The house is largely intact apart from the reconstructed rear wall of the house undertaken in 2009 which is not visible from the street (City of Stonnington Planning Permit 107-09).

Local Historical Themes

This place illustrates the following themes, as identified in the *Stonnington Thematic Environmental History* (Context Pty Ltd, rev. 2009):

3.3.3 Speculators and land boomers

8.1.2 Seats of the mighty - Mansion estates in the nineteenth century

8.2 Middle-class suburbs and the suburban ideal

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