
Westbourne Terrace



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Location

20-30 Duke Street WINDSOR, STONNINGTON CITY

Municipality

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Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO578

Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

'Westbourne Terrace', at 20-30 Duke Street, Windsor, is significant. This terrace row was constructed in 1879 as rental properties.

The single-fronted, single-storey Italianate dwellings are constructed of Hawthorn bricks with cream brick dressings. The transverse gable roof is unbroken by party walls, though the verandahs have wing walls. The most distinctive features of the terrace row is its brick parapet and panelled polychrome brick chimneys. Over the central two dwellings (nos. 24-26) is a semi-circular pediment defined by moulded cream bricks with a cement render tympanum emblazoned with 'Westbourne Terrace' in raised lettering. Number 22 has the highest level of intactness, retaining its cast-iron frieze.

The laneway to the west of and behind the terrace row is paved with bluestone pitches and provides an appropriate nineteenth century setting.

Later alterations, including new windows and doors, rear extensions and overpainting of brickwork, are not significant.

How is it significant?

'Westbourne Terrace' is of local aesthetic significance to the City of Stonnington.

Why is it significant?

Aesthetically for the distinctive parapet design of the terrace, which displays a high level of creativity despite the modest means of these working-class houses. It is an early example of a parapet-fronted terrace for Stonnington with a balustrade constructed of moulded cream bricks that mimic balusters in profile. At the centre is a semi-circular pediment bearing the terrace's name. Another effective, though inexpensive, detail is that of the chimneys. They are of Hawthorn brick with a corbelled top resting on cream brick brackets, and flat rendered panels with scalloped corners on each side, giving a very distinctive appearance. (Criterion E)

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Physical Description 1

'Westbourne Terrace', at 20-30 Duke Street, Windsor, is a terrace row of single-fronted, single storey brick houses. They share a transverse gable roof, unbroken by party walls, which indicates their relatively early date. Walls are of brown Hawthorn bricks with cream brick dressings. Front verandahs are divided by wing walls and have shallow concave roofs. On the west side is a bluestone pitched laneway.

The most distinctive features of the terrace row is its parapet and chimneys. The parapet sits above a bracketed cornice (both brackets and cornice of moulded cream bricks, on a background of red brick). It is divided at each party wall by a cream brick pier with diaper patterns in Hawthorn brick. There may have been urn or orbs on each pier originally. Between the piers is a band of plain Hawthorn brick at the base, above which is an intricate balustrade of moulded cream bricks. There are openings in the balustrade in the form of elongated quatrefoils, which gives the impression of masonry balusters. Over the central two dwellings (nos. 24-26) is a semi-circular pediment defined by moulded cream bricks with a cement render tympanum emblazoned with 'Westbourne Terrace' in raised lettering. The chimneys are of Hawthorn brick with a corbelled top resting on cream brick brackets. On each side of the shaft is a flat panel of cement render, with scalloped corners, giving a very

distinctive appearance.

Each house has a single double-hung sash window with a bluestone sill and cream brick quoining, as does the front door, with a four-panelled door and highlight window. The front walls are primarily of Hawthorn brick, with three cream brick bands and a simple cream and red brick diaper pattern below the window.

Only one house retains its original verandah cast-iron: a heavy frieze with a leaf motif and no brackets, at no. 22 (though the cast-iron post to this verandah appears to be a later insertion).

The parapet and chimneys are all highly intact, but there are more alterations below verandah level. These include overpainting either of the whole wall below verandah level (nos. 20 & 30) or just to the cream brick dressings (no. 28), rendering of the bricks below the verandah (no. 26); replacement of the front door (nos. 20 & 24); sandblasting of the brick (nos. 22 & 24); and all have lost their original cast-iron verandah frieze apart from no. 22. There are two-storey rear extensions to 28 and 30 Duke Street (constructed in 2009 and 1996, respectively), as well as at no. 20 (which is the only one visible, from the side lane).

There is a bluestone pitched laneway that runs behind the terrace row and along the west side of no. 20, at the west end. It is surviving street infrastructure from the nineteenth century and provides an appropriate setting to the row.

Local Historical Themes

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

8.4.2 Functional, eccentric & theatrical - experimentation & innovation in architecture

8.5.1 'Struggletown' - working-class housing in the nineteenth & early twentieth century

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