
House



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Location

11 Nicholls Street MALVERN, STONNINGTON CITY

Municipality

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Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

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Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

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Physical Description 1

The residence at 11 Nicholls Street is a double-fronted single-storey Italianate villa that is highly intact. It occupies a relatively wide allotment on the west side of Nicholls Street, south of the intersection with Edsall Street in Malvern. The house is set back behind a generous and formally landscaped front garden and a sympathetic reproduction timber picket fence.

Constructed in 1890, the villa is notable for its unusually high level of detail that is illustrative of the beginnings of the transition between Italianate and Federation influences. The building has a hipped roof, clad in slate, with a return verandah clad in corrugated iron which incorporates a central pediment with superimposed timber trusswork to mark the front entrance. The return verandah terminates at the rear section of the house on the south (side) elevation. It retains a cast-iron Greek-key pattern frieze and solid timber brackets with pierced circle motifs.

The walls beneath the verandah are clad in timber blocked boards to emulate expensive stone ashlar with bold fielded quoins. Other timber details include the fielded panels between the elaborate eaves brackets with pendants. Beneath the verandah the elaborately panelled front entrance door survives with an ornate timber surround with sidelights and highlights that appear to retain their decorative glazing panels. The door is flanked on either side by double-hung sash windows with wide sidelights. The visible chimney is finished in unpainted cement render with a simple moulded cornice and raised panel, and is typical of its era.

The surrounds to the front door and windows have an unusual relief pattern that imitates the silhouette of a turned timber post. It is likely that the original verandah posts were three-dimensional versions of this design, while the current square retrofitted posts are a later alteration. Apart from this, the house appears to be substantially intact as viewed from Nicholls Street, despite a large two storey addition to the rear of the house which is not readily visible from the street. The reproduction timber picket fence to the front is sympathetic.

Local Historical Themes

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

8.2.1 'Country in the city' - Suburban development in Malvern before WWI

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