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Location

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Municipality

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Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO617

Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 1, 1900

What is significant?

The Federation house at 41 Thanet Street, Malvern, a single-storey dwelling built in 1903.

Elements that contribute to the significance of the place include (but are not limited to):

. The house's original external form, materials and detailing

. The house's high level of integrity to its original design.

Later alterations and additions, such as the attached carport, are not significant.

How is it significant?

The house at 41 Thanet Street, Malvern, is of local architectural and aesthetic significance to the City of Stonnington.

Why is it significant?

The house at 41 Thanet Street, Malvern, is a fine and highly intact example of a Federation house. The house strongly reflects the Federation Queen Anne architectural style popular in the first decade of the twentieth century in Malvern and across Melbourne more broadly. The asymmetrical composition with complex roof forms and multiple gabled bays including diagonally projecting corner bay, along with architectural elements and materials such as prominent tall chimneys, half-timbering with rough cast render, timber verandah detailing, and decorative coloured glass, are typical of the style. The use of quality materials and elaborate detailing imparts a sense of grandeur and demonstrates the status of the owner in wealthy established areas such as Malvern in the early twentieth century (Criterion D).

The house at 41 Thanet Street, Malvern, is a carefully designed and well-resolved example of a Federation house. The projecting gable-end bays, banded chimneys, rich timber decoration, use of coloured and leadlight glass and Art Nouveau-inspired detailing present a picturesque composition of this architectural style (Criterion E).

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| Construction dates | 1903, |
| Hermes Number | 201753 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

The dwelling at 41 Thanet Street is a detached, single-storey dwelling with a small setback from the street and built close to the side and rear boundaries. The dwelling exhibits striking Federation Queen Anne architectural elements and retains much original detailing such as decorative verandah timberwork, roughcast and timber gables, with distinctive chimneys and Art Nouveau details. The 1903 dwelling remains in good condition.

The dwelling has a relatively simple rectangular plan form, with projecting gables to the front (west) and side (south) elevations creating a diagonal emphasis. The wall construction is timber, clad in mock-ashlar weatherboards and the roof is covered in grey slate with contrasting, geometrical terracotta ridge tiles and stylised fern finials. The main hip has a small, vented timber gablet. The dominant chimneys are highly visible from the street and are constructed in alternate banding of red brick and smooth render to a moulded cornice. The top element is roughcast render and each chimney has two decorative Art Nouveau terracotta pots (Figure 3). The flying gable to the projecting bay to the west is supported on decorative timber brackets, with a roughcast gable end with radiating timber strapwork that continues down to the square bay below (Figure 4). The south-west corner of the house is dominated by a smaller projecting gable at a 45° angle above a square bay. The gable end is finished in roughcast render with timber strap detailing. Windows are timber casements with coloured leaded, Art Nouveau highlights. The verandah is incorporated under the main slate roof and returns on the corner bay. It is supported on turned timber posts with a prominent radiating, dentilated timber frieze adding to the Art Nouveau overtones of the design. Original glazed French doors lead onto the verandah, which has a

timber floor.

The site is bounded by a tall modern timber fence, with vehicular access to a modern carport on the northern boundary. The modern carport, constructed in 1994, has been designed to match the dwelling, with slate roof, terracotta ridge tiles and finials and replica fretwork. A small addition, constructed in 1994, is located on the north side of the dwelling.

Integrity

The house retains a high degree of integrity to the Federation Queen Anne style in fabric, form and detail. While the house has undergone some alterations and additions, these do not diminish the ability to understand and appreciate the place as a fine example of a Federation house.

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