
House



Thomas St, 29



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Location

29 Thomas Street MOONEE PONDS, MOONEE VALLEY CITY

Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO526

Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - February 4, 2019

What is Significant?

The Edwardian Queen Anne house at 29 Thomas Street, Moonee Ponds, is significant. It was built in c1910.

Significant elements include the:

Original building and roof forms, unpainted brick and roughcast chimneys, diamond pattern cement roofing slates, terracotta ridge cresting, cappings, and finials; and

verandah, decorative timberwork to verandah, fenestration, window hoods, and door and window joinery.

The later rear extension and fence are not significant.

How is it significant?

29 Thomas Street is of local architectural (representative) significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

Why is it significant?

The house 29 Thomas Street, Moonee Ponds, is an excellent and intact representative example of the typical double-fronted Edwardian Queen Anne villas built in the City of Moonee Valley. It displays key characteristics of the style including a tall pyramidal roof with projecting gabled bays to two elevations which bracket a return verandah between them, the further emphasis on a diagonal axis created by the corner bay window beneath the verandah, the tall red brick chimneys with render caps, the casement windows with pressed glass highlights, the decorative trusswork in the gables, and the verandah detail of trunked timber posts and Japanese-inspired fretwork. The house is of particular interest for the survival of its diamond patterned cement shingle roof, which is finished with terracotta ridge capping and finials. (Criterion D)

Heritage Study/Consultant Moonee Valley - Moonee Valley 2017 Heritage Study, Context, 2019;

Construction dates 1910,

Hermes Number 202273

Property Number

Physical Description 1

Description and Integrity

The single-storey weatherboard house with a hipped and gabled roof at 29 Thomas Street, Moonee Ponds, is in close proximity to Moonee Valley Racecourse. The residence is on the north side of the street, which in this vicinity doglegs around the north-western boundary of the racecourse and connects to Wilson Street, an arterial road. The car park for the patrons is on the opposite side of the street. 29 Thomas Street has a relatively generous setback, in line with numbers 31 and 33 to the east of the site.

The original front section of this residence has a pyramidal roof form with projecting gables at the south and east. The chimneys are of red brick; one has decorative cement moulding on the top with terracotta pots while the other two have corbelled brick tops. The roof cladding is of diamond pattern cement slates with terracotta ridge capping, cresting and scrolled finials on the front section, all presumed to be original. The gable ends have decorative timber trusses with vertical slats sitting proud of the weatherboards. The roof extends down in one unbroken pitch to cover the verandah, which returns along the front (south) and east side. The verandah has turned timber posts with Japanese-influenced frieze of alternating panels of horizontal and vertical timber slats and sinuous fretted timber brackets. The main front door at the back of the verandah serves a small foyer (contained under the verandah) with a double-hung timber sash window and timber-framed awning to the east. This door has a sidelight to west and highlight. A secondary door under the verandah enters the south-facing front bay. The two projecting rooms have square bay windows comprising three casement windows and highlights under simple skillion roofs, covered with the same diamond pattern slates. The front corner of the residence has a smaller bay window set at a diagonal angle under the verandah (but not expressed in the roof form).

The house has a large modern rear extension that mirrors much of the building form of the original front section. A recent swimming pool is located in the back yard behind a modern gable-roofed shed. The front boundary has a recent timber picket fence and the garden comprises expanses of lawn and recent brick paving.

29 Thomas Street, Moonee Ponds, is of high integrity with very few changes visible to original or early elements of the place. The building retains its original building form and roof form, verandah, fenestration, and original building setbacks.

The integrity of the building is enhanced by the high level of intactness of these main elements, which include the unpainted brick and roughcast chimneys, diamond pattern cement roofing slates, terracotta ridge cresting, cappings, and finials, decorative timberwork to verandah, window hoods, and door and window joinery.

The integrity of the building is slightly diminished by the rear extension, which although substantial in size and scale is hardly visible from the street frontage and joins the original section of the building in a manner that retains the bulk of the original roof form.

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