
Victorian House

Location

10 Marquis Street ASHBURTON, BOROONDARA CITY

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO925

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Hermes Number 208932

Property Number

Physical Description 1

The house at 10 Marquis Street, Ashburton, is a double-fronted Victorian Italianate house. Constructed of brick, the front facade is finished in ruled render. The two front chimneys have a polychrome brick shaft with cement render plinth and moulded cornice. The house displays many characteristic features of this style, including an M-hipped roof (a hipped roof with a long transverse ridge and rear valley gutter), bracketed eaves, a symmetrical front facade with pairs of long doublehung sash windows surrounding the central front door, and a front verandah that sits below the eaves, resting on chamfered timber posts. The posts are paired on either side of the front entrance. While the chamfered posts are very typical of the Victorian period, the simple ladder-back frieze and the expressed structure of the corner brackets indicate a transition to Federation-era materiality and detail.

While standard in size and massing, the house has a high quality of detail consistent with a builder's own home. This includes the reeded stop-chamfering to the window reveals, the run moulding beneath the paired eaves brackets, and the patterned brickwork of the front chimneys. As noted in the history, a rear extension was constructed around 1988, and the original kitchen and associated verandah were demolished at this time. The extension itself has more than doubled the size of the house, but it is single-storey and has a completely separate roof, so it is highly legible as a later intervention and the junction is low impact. The carport appended to the south side elevation of the house is highly visible, and copies the timberwork of the front verandah. While having more of a visual impact, it is entirely reversible. The timber picket front fence is also recent in date, but sympathetic to the house. New Colorbond roof cladding was installed in 2019, replacing nonoriginal corrugated steel. In addition, the roof framing of the verandah has been reconstructed and a concrete slab floor introduced, though the posts (apart from their bases and capitals) and fretwork appear to be original.

It should be noted that the house next door, at 12 Marquis Street, was also considered as a potential group listing with No. 10, due to their shared history, but found to be too altered. Its front verandah has been rebuilt in a different form, integrated with a carport, and it has a quite a prominent upper-storey extension.

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