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# HOUSE (KOONWARRA)



56-58 Park Street.JPG



Moonee Valley Heritage  
Review 1998

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## Location

56-58 PARK STREET, MOONEE PONDS, MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO269

## Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

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## Statement of Significance

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"Koonwarra" at 56-58 Park Street, Moonee Ponds, was built in 1903 to the design of the noted architectural practice of Ussher and Kemp for James A. King. It is aesthetically important. This importance (Criterion E) is derived from its existence as an early example of a substantial Federation period house, erected on elevated ground together with other large residences in Park Street and of a type developed by its architects, Ussher and Kemp, to such an extent that it became synonymous with the Melbourne Queen Anne genre. It is valuable as a highly picturesque building in the tradition of the work of its architects who undertook many similar commissions

especially in Melbourne's middle eastern suburbs of Hawthorn, Kew and Camberwell.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moonee Valley - City of Moonee Valley Heritage Study, Andrew Ward, 1998;
Construction dates	1903,
Architect/Designer	Ussher & Kemp,
Hermes Number	24002
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

A picturesque early Federation period villa with attic storey, half timbered dormers and tall stepped chimneys with rough cast caps and coupled terra cotta pots contrasting with the roof form that sweeps downward to form the verandahs. These are turned timber posted with curved ladder framed friezes at ground level, the front verandah forming a faceted bay. The walls are of red brick with upper sections in rough cast. The terra cotta tiled roof has ridge cresting in the manner of the period and the prominent gable ends overhang faceted window bays

## Integrity

Condition: Sound. Integrity: high, later landscape treatment with garage and high front fence.

## Historical Australian Themes

4. Building settlements, towns and cities. 4.1.2. Making suburbs (Moonee Ponds).

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