
HOUSE (UNICA)



17 Norwood Crescent.JPG



Moonee Valley Heritage
Review 1998

Location

17 NORWOOD CRESCENT,, MOONEE PONDS VIC 3039 - Property No 192330

Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO266

Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The house formerly known as 'Unica', designed by George Jobbins and built in 1885, at 17 Norwood Crescent, Moonee Ponds is significant.

Non-original alterations and additions to the house are not significant.

How is it significant?

The house formerly known as 'Unica' at 17 Norwood Crescent, Moonee Ponds is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

Why is it significant?

It is historically significant (Criterion A) as a rare substantial villa residence recalling the first phase in the settlement of Moonee Ponds as a suburb of the metropolis. It is important in this way also because it demonstrates the financial successes of George Harvey who in partnership with T. Cozens ran a successful ironmongery business at the height of the economic Boom period. While a number of these villas were erected many have now been demolished and the significance of this house is enhanced by its rarity value. The building's association with the noted architect, George Jobbins is also important. (Criteria A, B & H)

It is aesthetically significant as a prominent and exceptionally richly decorated polychrome villa but in other respects representative example of a common villa design of the late Victorian Period. It is presumed that the distinctive ornamentation is directly attributable to the architect and imparts not only aesthetic distinction to the villa but informs us also as to the nature of Jobbin's work. (Criterion E)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moonee Valley - City of Moonee Valley Heritage Study, Andrew Ward, 1998;
Construction dates	1885,
Architect/Designer	Jobbins, George,
Other Names	Unica, MPAC heritage study,
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Physical Description 1

An exceptionally richly decorated Boom period polychrome brick two storeyed asymmetrical villa with two storeyed cast iron verandah, slate roof, ridge cresting and faceted projecting wing. The cast iron work exploits the fern leaf motif and there is a timber frieze rail, round arched windows with shaped voussoirs, keystones and drip moulds forming lancet arches at both levels to the wing and there are intricate impost moulds, stringcourse and bracketed cornices. The house is in good condition and has a high degree of external integrity.

Historical Australian Themes

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

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