
HOUSE



11 Levien Street.JPG



Essendon Conservation
Study 1985

Location

11 LEVIEN STREET,, ESSENDON VIC 3040 - Property No 192703

Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO66

Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

Statement of Significance

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Architecturally, rare and complete late 19th century revival type which has valuable details and elements which predate later, mass-produced suburban styles: of State importance.

Historically, briefly the home of (and possibly built for) locally and regionally prominent Douglas Elder evocative of the subdivision date: of local importance and regional interest.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moonee Valley - Essendon Conservation Study, Graeme Butler, 1985;
Construction dates	1890,
Other Names	Gowrie,
Hermes Number	24034
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Physical Description 1

A red brick Tudor revival styled, attic villa with characteristically steep gabled roofs, clad with slate rectangular window bays, pointed and flat arched openings and cemented hood mouldings to the upper windows.

Grouped cylindrical chimney pots are plated on wide dichrome chimney supports. Of particular interest is the Waratah-like plant motifs in the upper lights of the front window bay; the bay itself being a precursor of the later, suburban Queen Anne. Reputedly, original elements exist internally; providing an individual character which parallels with the exterior.

The design is typical of Robert Haddon's work for builder, G.B. Leith. G.B. Leith also performed as an architect (probably with Haddon's help) in the design of a house for David Elder in Riverview Road, during 1910. It is possible that Haddon may have designed Gowrie with Leith soon after his arrival in Melbourne during 1889. Alternatively, its occupancy by architect Solon Peck may also suggest his involvement and an American influence.

Integrity

Generally original except for trim colour and replacement of the (presumed) picket fence with a high paling one; what may be terracotta chimney pots, have been painted (?); and the roof gables may have had finials.

Physical Description 2

Streetscape

Near to I-5 Lavien Street and the Leslie Road precinct; distinctive within the immediate streetscape.

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