
Lugano and Mandalay



City of Darebin Heritage Review 2000



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Within Heritage Overlay Area
City of Darebin Heritage Review 2000 (map)

Location

215-217,219 Clarke Street, NORTHCOTE VIC 3070

Municipality

DAREBIN CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

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Heritage Listing

Darebin City

Statement of Significance

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Both buildings are notable and substantially intact examples of the Queen Anne style in Northcote, and are distinctive for their elevated siting, picturesque composition and mirror image plans.

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Physical Description 1

Like the timber equivalents of this Queen Anne style villa, such as 18 Hartington Street (qv), the two houses are asymmetrical with a timber return verandah linking the two gabled bays. The gables are half-timbered and have either rectangular or semicircular bay windows. The picturesque composition is further enhanced by octagonal corner towers. The verandahs have a series of slatted timber, circular and segmented arches provide further decorative relief to the verandah fascias.

The roof is clad with Marseilles-pattern terracotta tiles and have decorative scalloped terracotta ridging, and the gable apexes are terminated by terracotta griffins. The tower roof is offish-scale terracotta shingles and the walls clad with fish-scale pattern pressed metal. At the apex of the roof is a lookout, originally with strap-pattern, cast-iron balustrading. Below it is the octagonal dormer to the attic-storey. Casement leadlight windows with toplights adorn the window bays; the patterns typically being of formalised plant motifs.

Internally, there is extensive use of pressed metal, Wunderlich brand ceilings, leaf-pattern cornices and plant-pattern cornice-friezes in both houses. Of particular note is the so-called 'Four Seasons' ceiling in one of the front rooms, and the timber mantles and overmantels of Lugano. However, inside Mandalay, extensive alterations have removed the room-context of many of the ceilings, despite their survival. Similarly, the attic-storey of Mandalay has been totally altered and extended.

Externally, Lugano is near to intact, apart from the absence of the cast-iron balustrading to the lookout. The north-west bay of Mandalay, however, has been removed and rebuilt to provide an upper storey to the northern side. Other alterations include the glazing of part of the verandah, the rebuilding of the piers to the stairway, and the removal of the tall picket fence at Lugano.

A garage has been added to the front yard of Lugano.

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