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# Shops

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## Location

386-388 Malvern Road PRAHRAN, Stonnington City

## Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO164

## Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

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## Statement of Significance

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The building at 386-388 Malvern Road is of regional significance as a fine, largely intact and representative example of a pair of shops with arched timber shopfronts. Such shopfront joinery is increasingly rare within the broad metropolitan area, and this rarity contributes substantially to the significance of the place.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Stonnington - City of Stonnington Heritage Overlay Report (Stages 1-5) 1998, Bryce Raworth P/L, 1998; Stonnington - Conservation Review City of Prahran Volume 4: A2 Buildings, Context Pty Ltd, 1993; Stonnington - City of Stonnington - Heritage Precincts - Intact Shop Fronts Survey 2012, Context P/L, 2012;
Construction dates	1886,
Other Names	386-388 Malvern Road, Prahran,
Hermes Number	30830
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

The building at 386-388 Malvern Road currently known as The Design Establishment was constructed as a pair of Victorian shops located on a busy suburban artery near the heart of Prahran. The character of this section of Malvern Road has been overwritten continually since the construction of these buildings. Today, the building is situated between a 1970s Police Station Complex and one of the many recent multi-storey residential developments that abound in the area. Schools, shops, residences and towering Housing Commission blocks occupy sites nearby while trams pedestrians and heavy vehicular traffic occupy the streets. These shops at 386-388 Malvern Road constitute an important remnant of the built fabric of early Prahran in this confused melange of styles, materials and usage. The premises are currently run as a single store.

The subject building is a single storey building whose symmetrical facade is built on the front boundary of the property. The original tuck pointed face brick has been painted burnt orange and an early cast iron verandah removed, but the facade appears, otherwise, to be in substantially original condition. Timber doors and large display windows are set into large arched openings, flanked by brick piers which rise through the full height of the building. A small parapet with understated decorative trim partially conceals a hipped roof in modern steel.

The shopfront is especially noteworthy for its arched timber window mullions and door joinery, and this comprises the major feature of interest to the building. While it is not certain that these date from the original construction they are at the very least remnants of an early, and very sympathetic refurbishment

## Local Historical Themes

7.1 Serving local communities

### Shopfront

Intact elements: 2 shopfronts, timber-framed with arched highlights and engaged columns, arched highlights to panelled door.

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