
House 24 Murphy Street, South Yarra

Location

24 Murphy Street SOUTH YARRA, Stonnington City

Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO165

Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

Statement of Significance

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The house at 24 Murphy Street is of regional significance as an example of a medium size villa from the 1860s which appear to retain much of its original character and fabric, and which makes an important contribution to the character of the area.

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;
Construction dates	1865,
Hermes Number	30831
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Murphy Street is situated on a steeply graded section of South Yarra Hill just north of Toorak Road. It is among the last remnants of the original building stock which has been largely overwritten by twentieth century development. 24 Murphy Street is flanked by blocks of multi-storey flats which date from the 1970s. The house nestles into a small garden and is isolated from the street by an early cast iron fence on a basalt base, which is stepped to follow the grade of the hill. The house is of brick construction with tall chimneys and low-pitched slate roof above a simple rectilinear, rendered building mass.

Stylistically, the structure recalls the simplicity and refinement of the Regency architecture of England and Colonial Australia. The facade is more or less symmetrical, with one double hung window opening to the south side and what appear to be three original or early French winnows sheltered under the concave profile verandah. The floor of the verandah is of timber, and the main entry appears to be on the north side of the house. The facade is without ornament except for understated modelling of the verandah valences, ruled lines to the stucco and quoins at the corners of the building. To the rear the building is of two storeys, with a substantial verandah, partially enclosed. Although it is difficult to accurately assess the age and integrity of the verandah joinery, as with the verandah to the facade, it is not unlikely that it is at least in part quite early, with some elements repaired or replaced.

24 Murphy Street appears externally to be in good and possibly original condition, although it appears possible that the verandah posts and possibly its valences have been rebuilt in the twentieth century.

Its architect is not known.

Local Historical Themes

3.3.1 Crown land sales 1840-1850

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