
Oxonia House



3 Forster Avenue, Malvern East



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Location

3 Forster Avenue MALVERN EAST, Stonnington City

Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO260

Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

Statement of Significance

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The house (Oxonia) at 3 Forster Avenue, Malvern East, is locally significant, historically and architecturally:

- as an externally well preserved and early example of an innovative design, deriving from the American Queen Anne Revival

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Stonnington - Heritage Overlay Review - Amendment C5, C6, Graeme Butler & Associates, 2003; Stonnington - City of Malvern Heritage Study, Nigel Lewis and Richard Aitken P/L, 1992; |
| Construction dates | 1892, |
| Architect/Designer | Crouch & Wilson, |
| Other Names | Rose House, 3 Forster Avenue, Malvern East, |
| Hermes Number | 31153 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

(as assessed from the street)

Built in a picturesque one and two-storey form, with a main hipped roof and gabled projecting room and porch bays at the upper level, the house has a timber framed front verandah, set as part of an extension of the main roof. The polychrome brick work includes brown body bricks, with red and cream brick trimmings, the impost moulding extending around the front facade of the building. The walls are set on a coursed, squared basalt base. The timber framed windows are typically double hung sashes and the roof is clad with slate, with terracotta ridging.

Detailing includes half-timbered gables, shingling to the upstairs porch, the use of squat Romanesque columns and corbelled tops to the chimneys which are in coloured brick with terracotta chimney pots. Their irregular placement and differing heights adds to the picturesque composition. The verandah has the stocky turned timber sections associated with American Queen Anne revival architecture, with expressed rafters above the verandah beam.

Further inspection required

Integrity

(as assessed from the street)

The house is relatively intact although the verandah decoration is incomplete and the balusters have replaced an earlier rickrack pattern. The front fence is a high brick structure does not relate to the character of the house

Local Historical Themes

8.4.2 Functional, eccentric and theatrical - experimentation and innovation in architecture 8.2.2 'Country in the city' - suburban development in Malvern before 1920

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