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# Semi-Detached Terrace Pair

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## Location

3 - 5 Mercer Road ARMADALE, Stonnington City

## Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO327

## Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

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## Statement of Significance

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3 - 5 Mercer Road are of state significance as an early example of the Jacobean/Free Style in Victoria. They form an unusual pair of terrace houses built in an architectural style not normally associated with this building form.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Stonnington - City of Malvern Heritage Study, Nigel Lewis and Richard Aitken P/L, 1992; |
| Construction dates        | 1890,   |
| Other Names               | 3 & 5 Mercer Road, Armadale,  |
| Hermes Number             | 31415   |
| Property Number           |   |

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## Physical Description 1

An unusual pair of terrace houses built in an architectural style not normally associated with this building form. The pediment parapets have an unusual Jacobean/Free Style character and the arcaded balconies on both levels are unusual in the irregularity of the archway openings. The slate roof, terracotta ridging and brick chimneys with rendered bands fully identify the architectural era as does the turned timber balustrades on the upper level. The building retains a section of original fence at 3 Mercer Road and is basically intact otherwise, except for the painting of the brick work and cement render thus losing much of the original design expression

## **Local Historical Themes**

8.4.2 Functional, eccentric and theatrical - experimentation and innovation in architecture 3.3.3 Speculation and land boomers - subdivision from 1880s onwards 8.2.2 'Country in the city' - suburban development in Malvern before 1920

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