
Myoora, 405 - 411 Alma Road



405 Alma Rd Caulfield,
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Location

405-411 Alma Road CAULFIELD NORTH, GLEN EIRA CITY

Municipality

GLEN EIRA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0490

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO03

Heritage Listing

Glen Eira City

Statement of Significance

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"Bagatelle", formerly "Myoora" is important at the State level as a very large villa residence showing Italianate, Medieval, French and Queen Anne influences, skilfully combined by noted Melbourne architect, Anketell

Henderson with north facing facade and important secondary elevations facing east and south. It is important also as a most opulent demonstration of the fortunes derived from gold mining in Australia last century. "Bagatelle" is one of Caulfield's most substantial late Victorian villa residences, comparable with "Labassa" and "Rippon Lea"

Heritage Study/Consultant	Glen Eira - Caulfield Conservation Study, Andrew Ward, Architectural Historian, 1994;
Other Names	"Bagatelle", formerly "Myoora",
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Physical Description 1

A most substantial stuccoed 2 storeyed late Victorian Boom style villa residence, distinguished by its tower and circular bay with conical roof recalling French Chateau forms. The tower surmounts a round arched porch with diaper work to the spandrels.

The first floor has a semi-circular balconette with surmounting corbelled pediment. The upper most (4th) level has an encircling balcony, the slated and pyramidal tower roof being distinguished by a smalliouvred lantern. Relatively plain moulds and brackets are relieved by tall chimney stacks, grouped and with strapwork in the Queen Anne mode whilst the lower conical roofed tower shows French Romanesque influence in its diaper work and battlemented upper section. A sympathetic extension of the main house at the west end also shows Queen Anne influence and has iron ridge cresting.

At the east end a 2 storeyed bayed window and balconette with a "Palladian" window overlooks the present tennis court. A 2 storeyed verandah with pedimented treatment faces south over the remains of formerly spacious gardens.

Physical Description 2

Integrity: Good, stucco overpainted

Physical Description 3

Condition: good

Historical Australian Themes

Caulfield as a location for Melbourne's gentry.

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