
OAK HILL & WARATAH (MANUMBAR)

Location

45 & 47 THE GROVE,, COBURG VIC 3058 - Property No 21564

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO175

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

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Oak Hill and Waratah are of state architectural and historical significance. The pair is part of the Moreland Park Estate and has important associations with Montague Dare and T J Crouch. It is a significant example of Victorian polychrome architecture and a rare example of a paired mansion.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moreland - City of Coburg Heritage Conservation & Streetscape Study, Timothy Hubbard Pty Ltd, 1991; Moreland - City of Moreland Heritage Review, Allen Lovell and Associates, 1999;
Construction dates	1887,
Architect/Designer	Crouch, TJ,
Other Names	Houses, Individual, polychrome,
Hermes Number	59118
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Physical Description 1

Oak Hill and Waratah form a pair of two-storey polychrome brick mansionettes. They have with a hipped slate roof with ornate bichrome brick chimneys. Three storey towers sit above the front entrance. The mansionettes have elaborate cast iron verandahs and balconies. The cast iron verandahs and balconies both have highly ornate cast iron friezes; the balconies have ornate cast iron balustrading. The rear section of the houses are constructed of plain red brick.

Oak Hill has an aluminium picket front fence (c. 1980s). A large Canary Island Date Palm (*Phoenix Canariensis*) stands near the front fence which divides the two properties.

Key Architectural Elements: excellent example of polychromatic brickwork
rare example of 19th century Italianate mansionettes
distinctive towers with French mansard roofs
ornate cast iron verandahs and balconies
early planting
Canary Island Date Palm

Conservation Guidelines: reinstate matching colour schemes
reinststate front fences to original design

Comparative Examples: Koorali and Kalimna, 23-25 The Grove, Coburg

Principal Historic Themes: significant phases in the development of towns and suburbs
19th century speculative building activity

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