

40 Maribyrnong Road, Moonee Ponds Statement of Significance April 2021

Heritage Place:	House	PS ref no:	HO521
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40 Maribyrnong Road, Moonee Ponds, principal elevation (source: Context 2018)

What is significant?

40 Maribyrnong Road, Moonee Ponds, an early Edwardian era Italianate Survival villa built in 1903 is significant. The gabled shed with slate roof at the rear of the residence is also significant.

Significant fabric includes the:

- single-storey asymmetric built form with two projecting bays (on western and northern elevations);
- main hipped roof form and slate roofing;
- unpainted polychrome brickwork;
- original brick chimneys (reflecting Edwardian era Queen Anne style influences) and eaves detailing;
- original pattern of fenestration and elements of window and door joinery; and
- original side (northern) and front setbacks.

The rear extension is not significant.

How is it significant?

40 Maribyrnong Road, Moonee Ponds, is of local architectural significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

Why is it significant?

40 Maribyrnong Road, Moonee Ponds, is significant as a Victorian villa built in the Edwardian era with a Queen Anne influence. Victorian era detached houses are the most common typology in Moonee Ponds with many examples included on the Heritage Overlay. By the late 1890s aspects of the Queen Anne style may appear with those of the Victorian Italianate and the style is referred to as 'Italianate Survival'. These transitional houses display Italianate features and forms blended with new architectural trends of the early twentieth century. 40 Maribyrnong Road is a representative example of this design approach. Other examples include the Italianate Survival example at 26 Fletcher Street, Essendon, c1905 (HO300), however it is a less intact example than 40 Maribyrnong Road is. A timber example at 6 Addison Street Moonee Ponds, built 1903 (HO146), also has a transitional character that includes both Victorian and Queen Anne elements.

40 Maribyrnong Road demonstrates its Italianate style through its asymmetrical form with projecting room with canted bay window, return verandah with cast iron frieze and use of polychrome brickwork with dark brown as the main wall colour. The chimneys are the Queen Anne element, featuring the elaborate moulded brickwork and corbelling of this later period and style. 40 Maribyrnong Road, Moonee Ponds, is of high integrity with very few changes visible to original or early elements of the place. The building retains its original building and roof forms, verandah, fenestration, and original allotment size with outbuilding. (Criterion D)

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