

21 and 23 Nicholson Street, Essendon Statement of Significance

Heritage Place:	Wallbrook and Hursthill	PS ref no:	HO501
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21 and 23 Nicholson Street, Essendon, principal elevation (April 2018) (source: Context, 2018)

What is significant?

21-23 Nicholson Street, Essendon, a pair of Victorian Italianate terrace houses built in 1892 is significant.

Significant fabric includes the:

- original built form (as a single storey terrace form) and associated roof forms, original pattern of fenestration;
- dividing and wing walls, sections of face brickwork, parapet and its ornamentation, verandah (including columns, balustrading friezes and brackets), original chimneys, and
- original window and door joinery

The fences are not significant.

How is it significant?

21-23 Nicholson Street, Essendon, is of local architectural (representative) significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

Why is it significant?

21-23 Nicholson Street, Essendon, are significant as a pair of Victorian-era Italianate terrace houses. The Italianate style is well represented in the Heritage Overlay in Moonee Valley, with most examples

being detached houses. The terrace house typology is less common however some comparative examples include 9-11 Regent Street, Ascot Vale, 1885 (HO277); 6, 8 and 10 Glance Street, Flemington c1890 (HO186); and a large terrace at 208-222 Ascot Vale Road, Ascot Vale, 1892 (HO304). The terraces at 6, 8 and 10 Glance Street, Flemington (HO186), are comparable for their Classical influence, exhibited in the application of a central triangular pediment, distinct from the segmental pediments of the subject terraces, and in the rendered parapet form surmounted by decorative urns.

The terraces at 21-23 Nicholson Street, Essendon, are a good representative example of the single-fronted, narrow terrace type with high level of integrity and overall intactness. They demonstrate characteristics of the terrace house typology including siting with setbacks to the front and rear forming small gardens and an expression of uniformity and repetition in their façades. They retain, and display elements associated with the Italianate style such as the party walls, ornate rendered parapets with Classical ornament and cast iron verandahs. (Criterion D)

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