26 Roseberry Street, Ascot Vale Statement of Significance

Heritage House PS ref no: HO475
Place:



26 Roseberry Street, Ascot Vale, principal elevation (April 2018) (source: Context, 2018)

What is significant?

26 Roseberry Street Ascot Vale, a single-storey Victorian-era Italianate house built in 1886 is significant.

Significant fabric includes the:

- Single-storey, double fronted built form and block front weatherboard cladding
- hipped slate roof and chimneys
- original window and door joinery
- verandah, decorative barge boards and spandrel panel

The fence, rear extension and modern garage are not significant.

How is it significant?

26 Roseberry Street, Ascot Vale, is of local architectural (representative) and aesthetic significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

Why is it significant?

26 Roseberry Street, Ascot Vale, comprises a Victorian era Italianate residence. Detached houses of the Victorian era and the Italianate style are well represented on the Heritage Overlay in Moonee Valley with many comparable examples. However, most examples are of brick and timber construction is less common. Several comparative examples include 21 Gladstone Street, Moonee

Ponds (HO185); 98 Ascot Vale Road, Flemington (HO31); and 41 Maribyrnong Road, Ascot Vale, 1886 (HO71), all of which are brick examples. Like 26 Roseberry Street, 21 Gladstone Street (HO185) shares the tripartite windows design. As a timber example only 42 Myross Avenue, Ascot Vale (HO225), shares this attribute although it is a less sophisticated example than 26 Roseberry Street.

26 Roseberry Street demonstrates the Italianate style through its slate hipped roof embellished with cement rendered chimneys, eaves detail, cast iron verandah, fenestration and ashlar timber front elevation. With a relatively high level of integrity and high intactness, the subject house is a good example in the City of Moonee Valley. (Criterion D)

26 Roseberry Street is aesthetically significant for the richness of decorative detail in the front verandah. This element is formalised by a central gable with decorative timber bargeboards and ornate cast iron spandrel panel supported by paired chamfered columns with Corinthian-style entablature, dentils and moulded cornices. It has a particularly ornate cast iron frieze and brackets with a floriated pattern. (Criterion E)

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