29 Thomas Street, Moonee Ponds Statement of Significance

Heritage House PS ref no: HO526
Place:



29 Thomas Street, Moonee Ponds, principal elevation (source: Context 2018)

What is significant?

The Edwardian Queen Anne house at 29 Thomas Street, Moonee Ponds, is significant. It was built in c1910.

Significant elements include the:

- Original building and roof forms, unpainted brick and roughcast chimneys, diamond pattern cement roofing slates, terracotta ridge cresting, cappings, and finials; and
- verandah, decorative timberwork to verandah, fenestration, window hoods, and door and window joinery.

The later rear extension and fence are not significant.

How is it significant?

29 Thomas Street is of local architectural (representative) significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

Why is it significant?

The house 29 Thomas Street, Moonee Ponds, is an excellent and intact representative example of the typical double-fronted Edwardian Queen Anne villas built in the City of Moonee Valley. It displays key characteristics of the style including a tall pyramidal roof with projecting gabled bays to two elevations which bracket a return verandah between them, the further emphasis on a diagonal axis created by the corner bay window beneath the verandah, the tall red brick chimneys with render caps,

the casement windows with pressed glass highlights, the decorative trusswork in the gables, and the verandah detail of trunked timber posts and Japanese-inspired fretwork. The house is of particular interest for the survival of its diamond patterned cement shingle roof, which is finished with terracotta ridge capping and finials. (Criterion D)

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