

House, 86 Stanhope Street, Malvern – Statement of Significance, June 2021

Heritage place: House, 86 Stanhope Street, Malvern

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Figure 1. 86 Stanhope Street, Malvern (GJM Heritage, July 2020).

What is significant?

86 Stanhope Street, Malvern, a Victorian Italianate house built in 1891 by builder John Wright.

Elements that contribute to the significance of the place include (but are not limited to):

- The original external form, materials and detailing of the house
- The high level of integrity to its original design
- Victorian Italianate style house
- Polychromatic brick walls (overpainted)
- Concealed slate-clad double hipped roof
- Asymmetrical plan with projecting polygonal side bay and adjoining convex verandah with cast iron columns and frieze
- Highly decorative cement rendered balustraded parapet and cornice with frieze of consoles and patera (name plate and semicircular pediment removed)
- Simple unframed segmental arch-headed window openings to projecting bay

- Cement rendered chimneys with crowned terracotta chimney pots and corniced bases to front pair of chimneys.

Later alterations and additions are not significant. This includes additions to the rear.

How is it significant?

86 Stanhope Street, Malvern is of local historical, representative (architectural) and aesthetic significance to the City of Stonnington.

Why is it significant?

86 Stanhope Street, Malvern has clear associations with the boom period in suburban Melbourne in the late 1880s and early 1890s. In this period, extensive tracts of land in Malvern were subdivided into suburban residential estates, and allotments were purchased for the construction of middle-class housing. This house is one of a group of ten similarly detailed houses built on neighbouring allotments in Stanhope Street to illustrate this boom period of development (Criterion A).

86 Stanhope Street, Malvern is a fine and highly intact representative example of a Victorian middle-class house from the late 1880s. The house strongly reflects the boom period Italianate style popular in the 1880s and 1890s in Malvern and across Melbourne more broadly. The asymmetrical front elevation, with decorative balustraded parapet, and cornice frieze is typical of the style (Criterion D).

86 Stanhope Street, Malvern is a carefully designed and well-resolved example of a Victorian Italianate house. The asymmetrical front elevation, with a profusion of classical architectural elements including balustrading, consoles and patera, and terracotta chimney pots presents a picturesque composition of this architectural style (Criterion E).

Primary sources:

Malvern Heritage Review, GJM Heritage (June 2021)

G Butler & Associates, *Heritage Overlay Review*, 2002