

House, 92 Stanhope Street, Malvern – Statement of Significance, June 2021

Heritage place: House, 92 Stanhope Street, Malvern

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Figure 1. 92 Stanhope Street, Malvern (GJM Heritage, July 2020).

What is significant?

92 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 on corner allotment
- Rendered brick walls
- Slate-clad double hipped roof, with rows of scallop-pattern slates, concealed at the principal Stanhope Street elevation
- Eaved hipped roofs to secondary elevation to Grace Street
- Asymmetrical plan with return verandah between projecting wings to the north and east elevations
- Cast iron frieze, brackets and columns to verandah

- Highly decorative cement rendered balustraded parapet with urns, blank name plate, prominent semicircular pediment containing shell and mask motifs and acroteria, and cornice with frieze of consoles and patera
- Vermiculated quoining at corners
- Framed segmental arch-headed window openings with keystones to polygonal bays in projecting wings
- Cement rendered chimneys with corniced capping and decorative semicircular fins.

Later alterations and additions are not significant. This includes the rear carport and the surrounding timber fence.

How is it significant?

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

Why is it significant?

92 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).

92 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 composition, with highly decorative balustraded parapet, elaborate central pediment and cornice frieze is typical of the style (Criterion D).

92 Stanhope Street, Malvern is a carefully designed and well-resolved example of a Victorian Italianate house. The asymmetrical composition, with a profusion of classical architectural elements including balustrading, shell and mask motifs, acroteria, consoles and patera, presents a picturesque composition of this architectural style (Criterion E).

Primary source:

Malvern Heritage Review, GJM Heritage (June 2021)

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