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# WENDOUREE



21 Denbigh Road Armadale

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## Location

21 Denbigh Road ARMADALE, STONNINGTON CITY

## Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO600

## Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 1, 1900

What is significant?

The Federation house known as Wendouree, 21 Denbigh Road, Armadale, a single-storey dwelling built in 1900.

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

. The house's original external form, materials and detailing

. The house's high level of integrity to its original design.

Later alterations and additions, such as rear additions, are not significant.

How is it significant?

Wendouree, 21 Denbigh Road, Armadale is of local architectural and aesthetic significance to the City of Stonnington.

Why is it significant?

Wendouree, 21 Denbigh Road, Armadale is a fine and highly intact example of a Federation house. The house strongly reflects the Federation Queen Anne architectural style popular in the first decade of the twentieth century in Armadale and across Melbourne more broadly. The asymmetrical composition, with complex roof forms and multiple gabled bays and architectural elements and materials, including tall chimneys, half-timbering with roughcast render and timber verandah detailing are typical of the style. The use of quality materials and fine detailing imparts a sense of grandeur and demonstrates the status of the owner in wealthy established areas such as Armadale in the early twentieth century (Criterion D).

Wendouree, 21 Denbigh Road, Armadale is a carefully designed and well-resolved example of a Federation house. The asymmetrical massing, with projecting gable-end bays, projecting hipped verandah roof and tall chimneys, and rich timber decoration, present a picturesque composition of this architectural style (Criterion E).

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Construction dates	1900,
Architect/Designer	Wilson, Sydney H,
Hermes Number	201897
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

The house at 21 Denbigh Road is a single-storey detached dwelling with a deep street setback and located within a mature garden. The dwelling is characteristic of the Federation Queen Anne style with asymmetrical siting and square plan form. Constructed in 1900, the dwelling is in good condition.

The wall construction is tuckpointed red brick, laid in stretcher bond with a smooth render band (overpainted) at stringcourse level, and decorative mouldings to the flying gables. The roof is clad in slate, with terracotta trefoil ridge cappings and both scroll and pinnacle finials (Figure 4). The small gablet is ventilated with timber boards and a moulded bargeboard (Figure 4). Four redbrick chimneys remain with (overpainted) roughcast render stacks, brick corncicing and strapwork, rendered tops and simple terracotta pots (Figure 4). Gable ends project from both the east (Denbigh Road) and north elevations, and are finished in roughcast render (overpainted) and decorative timber strapping creating a half-timbered effect (Figure 5). Windows are double hung sashes centred on the east-facing gable and framed with ovolo brick details with bullnose stops. The window heads are smooth render (overpainted) and the windows have a continuous stone sill. The secondary gable on the north features a slate clad window hood, supported on simple timber brackets. A second hood is located closer to the street, above a bank of sash windows. The deep projecting verandah, incorporated under a small hipped roof, is supported on decorative timber posts with timber capitals, angled timber valance board and decorative arcaded frieze (Figure 6). This motif is repeated on a secondary verandah on the northern side that presents a small half-timbered gablet to the street.

The site is bounded by a tall modern painted brick wall with timber gates, constructed in 1977. A brick addition, constructed c1990, with a slate roof is located at the rear on the southern boundary. The outbuilding to the rear of the house may date from the period of construction (as evident on the 1903 PSP, Figure 3), but this has not been confirmed. A terracotta paved driveway extends along the northern boundary leading to a garage (constructed 1971) at the rear. Three mature birch trees are located in the frontage.

#### Integrity

The house retains a high degree of integrity to the Federation Queen Anne style, in fabric, form and detail. While the house has undergone some alterations and additions, these do not diminish the ability to understand and appreciate the place as a fine example of a Federation house.

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