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# DOUTTA GALLA HOTEL



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## Location

337 Racecourse Road, KENSINGTON VIC 3031 - Property No 185648

## Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO101

## Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The Doutta Galla Hotel, constructed in 1889, at 337 Racecourse Road, Kensington is significant. It is a stuccoed three level Renaissance revival hotel which is remarkably intact. Designed in a conservative manner, the facade is divided by Corinthian, Ionic and Tuscan pilasters into asymmetrical bays over which entablatures are raised above the parapet balustrading. Two of these bays highlight entrances at ground level but another unexpectedly

comes to ground over twin, arched openings. Over-generous architraves, at these entrances, disrupt the line of the string mould and collide with the sill of the second level windows. Bracketted arched pediments have been allotted to the second level windows whilst cemented foliation survives at the top level.

#### **How is it significant?**

The Douтта Galla Hotel is of local historic, architectural and aesthetic significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

#### **Why is it significant?**

Historically and socially, it is associated with an important phase in the development of the Racecourse Road commercial centre during the late nineteenth century and demonstrates the importance of hotels to community life. (Criteria A & G)

Architecturally and aesthetically, it is significant as a surprisingly externally original hotel which is competently if not skilfully designed in a conservative revival mode and retains much of its cement ornamentation also prominent and a major part of a commercial streetscape. (Criteria D &E)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moonee Valley - Moonee Valley Heritage Overlay Places Review, David Helms Heritage Planning, 2012; Moonee Valley - Flemington and Kensington Conservation Study, City of Melbourne, 1985;
Construction dates	1888,
Architect/Designer	Lording, Henry,
Other Names	Racecourse Road Hotel,
Hermes Number	23905
Property Number	

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## **Physical Description 1**

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The building is in good condition and has a relatively high degree of external integrity. Originally a street verandah sheltered the first bay in Racecourse Road, but otherwise as is typical, the hotel was verandahless. Other changes include the loss of urns and flagpole the parapet as is a bay of balustrading facing Eastwood Street and some glazing details have altered.

The building is a local landmark and is a commanding commencement to this historic section of the Racecourse Road commercial streetscape.

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