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Essendon Conservation
Study 1985

Location

2 LESLIE ROAD, and 10-12 STANLEY STREET, ESSENDON, MOONEE VALLEY CITY

Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO43

Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

Statement of Significance

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Architecturally, an externally original, large and uncommon form (two-level arcade) of a common pastoral villa style (Italian Renaissance): other examples of which may be seen at Kew Heidelberg and Hawthorn (see also Resurrection House, 6 Aberfeldie Street) also part of the Riverview Est. Precinct: of regional importance.

Historically, a large prominent example of the pastoral era in Essendon, reinforced by its proximity to the contemporary Lowther Hall (qv), also the home of a figure typically linked with primary production (Gillespie) and

a further example of the acquisition of 19th century villas by the Catholic Church late last and early this century: of local importance and regional interest.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Moonee Valley - Essendon Conservation Study, Graeme Butler, 1985; |
| Construction dates | 1882, |
| Other Names | House, |
| Hermes Number | 23955 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

A two-storeyed unpainted stuccoed brick (former) house with a two-level returned arcaded verandah, a slated hipped roof and a central, gabled two-storey porch. Rusticated pilasters mark the imposition of trabeation upon the arcaded structure whilst gently tapered Tuscan order pilasters frame the entrance to the verandah. Cement balustrading, shallow ground-level window bays, deeply bracketed eaves and (despite the central porth), a well recessed side entrance, are notable aspects of the building. Some mature exotics give subtle evidence of the original grounds.

Integrity

A chapel wing has been added in a sympathetic, if not matching manner, to the south, whilst the rear wing appears to have been extended west. Generally unsympathetic additions have been made to the north and south-east corners of the original building.

Driveways have been hard-paved and what was presumably a timber picket perimeter fence, replaced. Details such as roof gutters, have been replaced with new profiles.

Physical Description 2

Streetscape

A large complex, with adjoining open space, is dissimilar to this century's adjoining residential development, but linked with nearby Lowther Hall, provide highly visible elements of the 19th century pastoral-residential era, and reinforce the compact selection of the individually important buildings in Leslie Road. (Refer Riversview Est. Precinct)

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