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# HOUSE (TORROY)



69 Holmes Road.JPG



Moonee Valley Heritage  
Review 1998

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## Location

69 HOLMES ROAD,, MOONEE PONDS VIC 3039 - Property No 191967

## Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO234

## Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

"Torroy", comprising the house built for Arthur Edwin Sinclair in 1900 and therear brick gabled outbuilding, at69 Holmes Road Moonee Ponds, is significant.

### How is it significant?

Torroy isof historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

### Why is it significant?

Its historic importance (Criterion A) lies in its capacity to demonstrate the continuing attraction of the elevated land west of the Moonee Ponds railway station as a sought after residential location at the turn of the century. The rear brick outbuilding is a rare surviving example of its type (Criterion B) and demonstrates the need for rear laneways to provide access for nightsoil collection carts prior to the advent of reticulated sewerage to this area in the early twentieth century (Criterion A).

The aesthetic importance (Criterion E) of the house rests in its capacity to demonstrate a transitional architectural style with elements of the Renaissance Revival (polychrome brickwork), the Queen Anne style (ornamental barge and steep roof pitch) and the late Victorian Boom period (cast iron lace), this combination of elements being comparatively unusual (Criterion B) in the area.

Heritage Study/Consultant Moonee Valley - City of Moonee Valley Heritage Study, Andrew Ward, 1998;

Construction dates 1900,

Hermes Number 24004

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### Physical Description 1

A representative asymmetrical late Victorian Period villa distinguished by its timber barge enrichment and roof pitch indicative of Queen Anne influence. Brickwork is polychrome in the manner of the boom period and there is a cast iron lace corner verandah with encaustic tiled floor. The steeply sloping roof is of slate and the chimneys are important visual elements. At the rear of the property is an early gabled brick outbuilding, which once contained an outside toilet as evidence from a bricked-up opening facing the rear lane.

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