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# HOUSE (ANASTASIA)



55 Holmes Road.JPG

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## Location

55 HOLMES ROAD, MOONEE PONDS, MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

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## Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The house, 'Anastasia', built c.1898, at 55 Holmes Road, Moonee Ponds is significant.

### How is it significant?

The house at 55 Holmes Road, Moonee Ponds is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

### Why is it significant?

Historically, it is representative of an important phase in the residential development of Moonee Ponds, spurred by the opening of the nearby railway station, and forms part of a group of houses of similar era in Holmes Road. (Criterion A)

Aesthetically, it is a fine and intact (if somewhat late) example of a polychromatic brick villa, distinguished by its ornate verandah and ornamental roof cresting. (Criterion E)

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Moonee Valley - City of Moonee Valley Heritage Review Stage 4, Heritage Alliance, 2004; |
| Construction dates        | 1898,   |
| Architect/Designer        | Cowan, Joseph Charles M,  |
| Hermes Number             | 27267   |
| Property Number           |   |

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### Physical Description 1

The house, formerly known as *Anastasia*, at 55 Holmes Road is a single-storey double-fronted Victorian bichromatic brick villa on a bluestone plinth. Occupying a corner site, the asymmetrical house has two street frontages, each with a canted bay window at one end, connected by a return verandah. The hipped slate roof has decorative cast iron ridging, moulded eaves brackets, and brick chimneys with moulded cornices. The brown brick walls are articulated by banding and diaper-work of contrasting cream and red brick. There are tall rectangular windows with timber-framed double-hung sashes; those to the canted bays have round-arched heads. The return verandah has a bullnosed roof supported cast iron fluted columns, with particularly ornate cast iron lace between, and a tessellated floor.

A timber picket fence extends along both street frontages; it has stop chamfered posts and a splayed corner with a recessed gateway.

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