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# Stokell

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## Location

49-51 Adelaide Street ARMADALE, Stonnington City

## Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

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## Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

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## Statement of Significance

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Stokell, constructed in 1889 by the builder Stephen Armstrong, is of regional significance as a house either designed by or copied from the architect John Beswicke, as evidenced by the combination of semicircular and stilted segmental arches, especially characteristic of his work. The building derives some significance for its association with a prominent local building contractor (who constructed Stonnington, Cliveden Mansions, Ball and Welsh and woodmasons iceworks in Malvern and Oakleigh).

Heritage  
Study/Consultant

Stonnington - City of Malvern Heritage Study, Nigel Lewis and Richard Aitken P/L, 1992; Stonnington - References to National Trust of Australia (Vic) Register, National Trust of Australia, 1900;

Construction dates

1889,

Other Names	49-51 Adelaide Street, Malvern,
Hermes Number	30441
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

Stokell is a large stuccoed Italianate mansion with a prominent arcaded verandah on two sides between projecting bay windows and a hipped slate roof with imposing windows. Details include bracketed eaves, architraves and impost mouldings, Corinthian capitals and balcony balustrades. The building is generally intact although its land holding has been dramatically reduced and it has lost the frontage to Malvern Road. The external painting of cement render and sundry minor modifications for institutional purposes have reduced the impact of this otherwise imposing mansion.

The original external wash house survives. The association with a notable builder, Stephen Armstrong, whose company built two of Melbourne's most notable mansions, Stonnington and Cliveden is reflected by the elaborate nature of this house.

Builders' houses of the nineteenth century often were enriched by the nature of the projects which they had undertaken. The building is able to demonstrate the wealth of leading building contractors of the 1880s. Externally its grand scale remains although its impact is much reduced by the subdivision of the land around, especially the front garden.

## Physical Description 2

Extent of designation - The whole of building

## Physical Description 3

Building Style - Italianate, Victorian, Verandah, Mansion

## Local Historical Themes

8.1.2 Seats of the mighty - mansion estates in the nineteenth century 10.4.1 Hospitals

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