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# Sherren House (St Catherine's School) & Elaine Haxton Mural

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## Location

17-23 Heyington Place TOORAK, STONNINGTON CITY

## Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO50

## Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

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## Statement of Significance

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Mural is located on the external eastern wall of school library.

Sherren House (formerly known as Beaulieu and Kilbride) is of state significance as 'one of a small number of surviving 19th century Toorak mansions. The building's exterior, which most probably dates from the early 1880s, has historical importance for its associations with the ownership of prominent retailer, Mars Buckley. Important architectural features are the Italianate detailing, extensive two storey loggias, intact cement render finish, the front fence and early granite gates. The c1915 extensive internal alterations for L. S. MacKinnon, newspaper proprietor and manager, survive largely intact and contribute to the state level of architectural significance. They include the decorated ceiling in the vestibule, stairwell and side passages and maintain the reputation of the building as a benchmark of decorative taste among Melbourne mansions.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Stonnington - Conservation Review City of Prahran Volume 2: Individual Buildings (A1), Context Pty Ltd, 1993;
Construction dates	1860, 1880,
Architect/Designer	Barry, JM,
Other Names	17-21 Heyington Place, Toorak,
Hermes Number	30595
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## Physical Description 1

The exterior of Sherren House is substantially intact from c1881-84. The natural cement render finish has been retained, which is unusual for a 19th century suburban mansion. External render is currently being repaired. The major alterations are the infilling of the loggias to provide increased accommodation, major extensions to the south for new service areas, and extension on the first floor over sections that were originally single storey (1).

Today, externally, the mansion retains its Italianate detailing, extensive two storey loggias, intact cement render finish and early granite entrance gates. The c 1915 extensive internal alterations by the architects Klingender .and Alsop survive partly intact. The landscaping, although severely reduced in size, still allows the residence to be viewed in isolation; retains the original entry drive; and permits views from the upper floor windows over the Yarra River and Gardiner's Creek Valley (2)

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## References

1. Lewis & Aitken report.
2. Lewis & Aitken report

## Local Historical Themes

8.1.1 Self-made men and the landed gentry 9.3 Developing the private school system 10.8 The arts

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