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# Ifracombe

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## Location

15 Forster Avenue MALVERN EAST, Stonnington City

## Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO310

## Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

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## Statement of Significance

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Ifracombe is of regional significance as a restrained early Edwardian villa of note for the corner slate roofed turret and elaborate verandah form.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Stonnington - City of Malvern Heritage Study, Nigel Lewis and Richard Aitken P/L, 1992;
Construction dates	1890,
Architect/Designer	Wilson, Sydney H,
Other Names	15 Forster Avenue, Malvern East,
Hermes Number	31335
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

A substantial single storey Edwardian Villa, it features a corner turret and a complex verandah which extends on both street facades of this corner house, as well as following the form of the corner bay with the turret above. It has a steeply pitched slate roof with decorative curved slates near the ridge line and iron cresting on the turret. The imposing red brick chimneys have contrasting rendered pedimented cornices. The building was constructed with facing red brick work which has survived on the chimneys but has been painted on the main section of the house. The original verandah design has been substantially modified from the unusual detailing shown on the early photograph (This was of a distinctive Edwardian style with paired columns with fine, elegant foliated decorative rion surmounting them, the double verandah beam was otherwise open save for some widely spaced turned rods) The building is asymmetrical and was constructed on a raised battered benched base. It had a front entry from the side street adjacent to a projecting gabled bay which featured vertical turned rods, and a rendered sunburst design on a roughcast backing. Apart from verandah alterations, painted brickwork and rear extensions the building appears to be substantially intact. It has a Victorian style fence which may have had its pickets based on the design shown in the photograph. This picket fence has been reduced in extent to the corner section of the property.

## Local Historical Themes

8.4.3 Architects and their houses 8.2.2 'Country in the city' - suburban development in Malvern before 1920

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