
HOUSE



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Location

1 SORRETT AVENUE,, MALVERN VIC 3144

Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO335

Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

Statement of Significance

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1 Sorrett Avenue is of state significance for its apparently unique design and picturesque design with Tudoresque detailing. It has some stylistic relationship to the six speculative villas constructed by Bowes Kelly at 12-16 Mercer Road and 3-7 Myamyn Street, to the west of Glenferrie Road. However, the use of basalt and Tudoresque detailing gives this house a distinctive ecclestical character.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Stonnington - City of Malvern Heritage Study, Nigel Lewis and Richard Aitken P/L, 1992;
Construction dates	1890,
Architect/Designer	Fisher, Arthur,
Hermes Number	31410
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

In contrast with these other brick houses, this house is constructed of coursed rubble basalt with cement details to the quoins, has a projecting window bay with castellated parapet, and hood moulds to windows and projecting entry porch. The steeply pitched slate gable roof is punctuated by Tudor style chimneys, one is extremely tall, also finished in render. The gable ends have an open truss and finial. The later pointed arched opening created a sleep-out porch on the front bay which replaced the earlier circular roof vent in this location. The top floor was added in the ceiling space and a cast iron circular stair installed some time after the early photographs, apparently dating from 1906. Other than the sleep-out alteration and the later cast iron fence (which replaced a far more interesting timber picket and cast iron design) the house is relatively intact. Virginia creeper has covered this house since at least 1906 (the date of the early photograph) although the extent was far more limited at that stage. It is likely to be causing some damage to the building if these are allowed to continue to grow unchecked.

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