

Victorian Heritage Database Report
HOUSE



Location:

1-3 View Street HEALESVILLE, YARRA RANGES SHIRE

Heritage Status / Level of Significance:

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Number: HO413

Listing Authority: Yarra Ranges Shire

Statement of Significance:

The property at 1-3 View Street, Healesville, is a large allotment, set on the diagonal to the intersection of View and High streets. The c. 1880s weatherboard residence, with its long rectilinear footprint, is also large, with the principal facade facing south and addressing View Street. While the house presents as a single-storey building to View Street, it is double-storey on the north-north-west side where the block slopes away following the topography of 'School Hill'. The dwelling has a double-hipped roof clad in grey 'colorbond' roofing metal; and a verandah which wraps around all but the narrow west elevation, which is visible from High Street and has a non-original carport attached. Windows to the dwelling are timber-framed double-hung sashes, with the windows facing the east and the south being tripartite forms with narrow openable sashes. The front door is on the south elevation, with another door to the east elevation. The verandah, which is not entirely original, is simply detailed, with painted timber posts, timber railing and a balustrade of narrow vertical uprights. The verandah floor is of timber. High timber picket gates screen the driveway and carport from the street. The house is set in an established garden setting with extensive areas of lawn.

How is it significant?

The property at 1-3 View Street, Healesville, is of local historical and aesthetic/architectural significance.

Why is it significant?

No 1-3 View Street, Healesville, is of local historical significance. The dwelling is believed to have been constructed in the 1880s or 1890s in Narbethong and to have been relocated in 1918-19. The View Street allotment was originally purchased in 1883, and the location - at the intersection of View and High streets, Healesville - was commonly known as 'School Hill'. The nearby State School, now Healesville Primary School, was established there in 1878 and remains today opposite the subject property. Local teacher Joseph George bought the allotment in 1903, but it remained undeveloped until purchased by grocer William J Sibbitt in 1918-19, who is believed to have relocated the existing dwelling from another of his properties in Narbethong. The house is also of local aesthetic/architectural significance. The c. 1880s building is a substantially externally intact late-Victorian Italianate style weatherboard villa, with a long rectilinear footprint and horizontal massing, set on the diagonal to the intersection of View and High streets. Elements of note include the simply detailed wraparound verandah; and the separation of main and verandah roofs, and hipped roofs. It is also, comparably, of a more generous scale than other surviving Italianate houses in Healesville, with larger and mostly earlier examples having been demolished.

Description

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Construction Date Range	1890 - 1890
Architect / Designer	
Municipality	YARRA RANGES SHIRE
Other names	
Hermes number	197722
Property number	

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