Building:

"Elgin"

Address:

84 The Esplanade



Allotment Reference:

Section 18, Lots 1-2

National Estate Register:

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Historic Buildings Council

Register:

National Trust Register:

Location within Precinct:

Clifton Hill Eastern Residential Precinct

Photo Date:

July, 1988

Grantee:

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Original Owner:

Thomas Kerr

Present Owner:

P.G. Anderson

Original Use:

Residence

Present Use:

Residence

Construction Date:

1899-1900

Architect:

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Builder:

Description:

A single fronted symmetrical tuckpointed bi-chromatic brick Italianate villa with black body bricks and white dressings. The bullnosed cast iron verandah has a tiled floor with similar stepped path to front gate. Single tri-partite windows flank the central front door and the verandah extends along the north side elevation.

Condition:

Good. Maintenance inadequate.

Integrity:

Good

History:

Thomas Kerr, the pastry cook built "Elgin" in 1899-1900, (1900 RB "unfinished") on land which he had acquired from Clard Hey, occupying Lots 10 to 11. This block was twice the size of others north of O'Grady Street.

Significance:

"Elgin" is a typical middle class late Victorian villa residence and is expressive of the generally more substantial houses built along The Esplanade which skirts the Merri Creek Valley.

Recommendations:

Recommended for Planning Scheme protection.

References:

Rate Books

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