

Building: "Merrivue"
Address: 88 The Esplanade



Allotment Reference: Section 18, Lots 1-2
National Estate Register: -
Historic Buildings Council Register: -
National Trust Register: -
Location within Precinct: Clifton Hill Eastern Residential Precinct
Photo Date: July, 1988
Grantee: -
Original Owner: Adam Kemp
Present Owner: J. M. Cleland
Original Use: Residence
Present Use: Residence

Construction Date: 1893

Architect: -

Builder: Adam Kemp

Description: A single storeyed Italianate villa in the terrace form with symmetrical front elevation, cast iron verandah and Greek key patterns frieze below cornice line replicated in the verandah frieze.

Condition: Good

Integrity: Good. Verandah floor concrete, black and white tiled path and bluestone steps to recent front gate.

History: In 1892 the west side of The Esplanade between Heidelberg Road and O'Grady Street was vacant land divided into seven lots. "Merrivue", with a 33' frontage was built on lot 13, which was the lot nearest to Heidelberg Road.

In 1892, this land was owned by Alexander Kemp, (1893 RB). In 1893 a brick house was built there by Adam Kemp, builder, who was also the owner/occupant, (1894 RB). He remained there in 1900, (1901 RB).

Significance: "Merrivue" is of local importance as an intact late Victorian villa residence built on the attractive Esplanade overlooking the Merri Creek. Its decorative use of the key pattern is of note.

Recommendations: Recommended for Planning Scheme protection.

References: Rate Books

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