

Building:

"Portia", 15 Victoria Parade



<u>Allotment Reference:</u>	52
<u>National Trust Register:</u>	-
<u>National Estate Register:</u>	Recommended
<u>Historic Buildings Council Register:</u>	-
<u>Location within Precinct:</u>	Collingwood Slope
<u>Photograph Date:</u>	5.6.87
<u>Grantee:</u>	S.A. Donaldson

Original Owner: James Yates
Present Owner:
Original Use: Residential
Present Use: Residential
Construction Date: 1889

Architect:

Builder:

Description:

A two storeyed stuccoed, richly decorated Victorian terraced residence with ornamental curved pediment containing the name "Portia", decorated balustrade with urns, acanthus string courses at window levels, segmental arched openings to the upper level and flat head with curved corners openings to the lower level. The stuccoed surfaces have ashlar markings, whilst the two storeyed cast iron verandah has fern leaf decoration, and an encaustic tile verandah floor with bluestone margins extending to the garden path. The double palisaded iron fence has cast iron pillars (? and Scott? Foundry, Elizabeth Street North). A side gate penetrates the main facade and leads to the rear garden.

Condition:

Good

Integrity:

Good, the upper level verandah balustrading has been relocated at ground level, stuccoed surfaces painted.

History:

Hodgkinson's 1858 plan shows that a house was situated at the rear of "Portia" at that time. The MMBW litho plan of 1897 shows the two co-existed for a period:

James Yates, gentleman, owned the woodhouse (RB 1885, '86, '87) prior to "unfinished brick house") as owner/occupier. He remained there in 1896.

Significance:

"Portia" is important as a key contributor to the character of Victoria Parade, which was conceived as a grand boulevard as far as Hoddle Street. This residence reinforces that image.

Recommendations:

Recommended for inclusion on the National Estate Register. Situated within existing UC2 zone in planning scheme. Reinstatement of the upper level balustrade, and paint removal using approved techniques is recommended.

References:

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