

PLASSEY

-		Place No.	293
ADDRESS	891 Doncaster Road Doncaster East	Last Update	
DESCRIPTION	-		
	Condition Good	Integrity	Intact
	Threats Development	Key elements	
	Designer		
HISTORY	This brick rendered, double-fronted symmetrical Italianate house was built in around 1886/8 for Martin Zelius, A Norwegian emigrant [41]. After arriving in Melbourne during the gold rush, Zelius initially worked in Melbourne before purchasing the steamer "Lady of the Lake" and trading the Gippsland Lakes and coastal routes. He built a house in Bairnsdale, and apparently used a similar plan for this house. [42] "Plassey" has an M-profile, slate roof, with decorative scalloped scales, with a cast-iron fence cresting and wrought iron finials on the ridge and three deeply moulded chimneys. There are cornice panels between bracket pairs, with rosettes between. There is a hip verandah with a cast-iron lace valance, brackets and Corinthian posts. The four-panelled door has fan and side lights in leadlight, with Decorated Gothic labels over. Between these and the window pairs are round-headed niches. There are bluestone steps. Unfortunately, the brickwork is painted and this should be expertly removed. There is a geometric encaustic tile verandah pavement and the garden design partly survives, including edging terracotta tiles and chamfered edging bricks. The basework of a former conservatory survives. At the rear two symmetrical square pavilion wings. The building remains intact and in good condition although development must be considered a threat. It can be compared with 783 Doncaster Road. Creation Date c1886-8 Change Dates Associations Local Themes Martin Zelius 7.03 - Victorian houses		
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE	A fine and particularly intact Italianate house of regional architectural significance. It has all of the characteristics of the style, albeit in a symmetrical disposition, including residual garden elements and former conservatory basework. The unusual plan is also significance.		
LEVEL			
RECOMMENDATIONS			
	Heritage Register Listings		
	Register	Reference	Zoning
			Status
	None Specified		
	Extent		
	Heritage Schedule		
	External Paint Controls:	On VHR:	VHR Ref No:
	Internal Alteration Controls:	Prohibited Uses:	
	Tree Controls:	Aboriginal Heritage Place:	
	Outbuildings or Fences:	Incorporated Plan:	Incorporated Plan Details

Description:

Conservation Management

Extra Research

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[42] Doncaster Templestowe Historical Society Newsletter, 4 (4), May 1971, p.2.