

Orthina, 45 Rushall Cr, Fitzroy North, VIC, Australia

Photographs:



List: Register of the National Estate

Class: Historic

Legal Status: [Registered](#) (22/06/1993)

Place ID: 541

Place File No: 2/11/020/0089

Statement of Significance:

Orthina, a residence constructed in 1900, is a characteristic Italianate style villa of the period (Criterion D.2). Occupying a prominent corner site the residence is distinctive in this position because of its multi-coloured brick work and detailing (Criterion E.1).

Official Values: Not Available

Description:

This villa was built in 1900 for W H Chandler. His father, W H Chandler senior, founded the hardware firm of D and W Chandler Pty Ltd in 1881. The firm was based in Brunswick Street, Fitzroy, and specialized in supplying the pastoral sector with everything from fence wire to ploughs. Chandler junior took over the business and was also known in Melbourne cycling and motoring circles. He claimed to be the first man to mount an Ordinary bicycle in Victoria and won road races of up to twenty-five miles in length. He also owned the first Australian-built car, a Tarrant, in 1900; he claimed to have had the vehicle made under his direction. The residence is a multi-coloured (brown, red, white/cream) brick Italianate style villa. It has a faceted bay to the Rushall Crescent facade, cast iron verandah posts and valance, a bull nose profile verandah roof and an unusual bracketed eaves detail. Tall, polychrome brick chimneys with prominent cornices rise from the slate roof. A sympathetic timber picket fence has been built on the road frontages and the house has been painted in period colours. What may have been a workshop/garage with street access at the rear of the house has been replaced.

History: Not Available

Condition and Integrity:

Orthina is in good condition and its integrity has been maintained. (1990)

Location:

45 Rushall Crescent, corner Rowe Street, Fitzroy North.

Bibliography:

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