

A3 Napier Street South Precinct

(i) Boundary Definition:

Area on the east and west side of Napier Street from 8-68 Napier Street (east side) and 17-63 Napier Street (west side).

The following consistent streetscapes were noted:

"Falconer Terrace" 36-50 Napier St. (east side).
45-51 Napier St. (west side).

There is one vacant block within this precinct (29-31).
Situated between two storey terraces, this is a sensitive vacant site.

To maintain the consistent Victorian character of this precinct, compatible infill is to be encouraged.

(ii) Area Description:

The significance of the area derives from:

(a) the consistent double storey terrace housing with varying set backs providing a continuous and varied streetscape.

(b) the high architectural quality of individual buildings within the area, in particular:

26-28 Napier Street (east side)

"Falconer Terrace" 36-50 Napier Street (east side)

64-68 Napier Street (east side)

33 Napier Street (west side)

43 Napier Street (west side)

(c) the large number of original cast iron fencing and the lack of high walls (there are only three high masonry walls to the street).

(iii) Building Schedule:

The following buildings are considered to contribute to the character of the area:

Napier Street - east side:

8,10 Historical data: Constructed in 1861 for David Blair a doctor, who owned the house until 1891, when it became the property of the Colonial Bank.

Intactness: facade, (unpainted bluestone), chimney, cast iron fence, balcony removed.

20 Facade, parapet, semi-intact double storey verandah.

22 Intactness: As for 20, cast iron balustrading.

24 Intactness: As for 20, compatible paling fence.

26 Historical data: constructed in 1887 for Kate Levy and rented out

Intactness: See 28.

28 Historical data: possibly constructed earlier than 26, but date uncertain.

Intactness: Both buildings (26 and 28): facade, semi-intact parapet, cast iron window balconettes, cast iron fence.

30,32 Intactness: facade, semi-intact parapet, double story verandah, cast iron friezes, brackets, balustrading and columns. (The sunflower motif design used in the cast iron work, in William Stephens Excelsior Foundry Catalogue of 1901.) Cast iron fence.

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Napier Street - east side (Cont.)

- 34 Historical data: site of timber yards workshop and house of John Falconer.
Intactness: completely altered: early photo shows verandah picket fence, exposed gable roof.
- 36-50* "Falconer Terrace" Historical data: This terrace was constructed over a period of 18 years. Nos. 44, 46 and 48 were built first in 1866; No. 50 was built in 1870, and nos. 36, 38, 40, 42 were constructed probably in 1884. All were built for John Falconer.
Intactness: facade, parapet, name plate parapet with scrolls, cast iron fence. Excellent example of an intact arcaded terrace.
- 56-58 Historical data: constructed prior to 1858.
Intactness: facade, parapet, ornate pediment, verandah, cast iron frieze and columns, compatible fence.
- 60,62 Intactness: facade (upper floor verandah infilled).
- 64-68* Historical data: This building was constructed in stages: number 68 was built in 1869 for Henry Raphael an estate agent to the design of architect A.F. Kursteiner; number 64 was probably constructed in 1874 also for Raphael, but may have incorporated an earlier building.
Intactness: facade, chimneys, (a refined 3 storey building with refined decorative elements: Stringcourses, vermiculated blocks and keystones).

Napier Street - west side

- 17 Historical data: Constructed prior to 1858.
Intactness: facade (ground floor window altered) cast iron fence.
- 19,21 Historical data: Constructed prior to 1858.
Intactness: facade, cast iron fence.
- 23 Historical data: Date of construction uncertain, probably pre-1858 as part of no. 21.
Intactness: facade, cast iron fence.
- 25,27 Historical data: Constructed prior to 1858.
Intactness: semi-intact facade.
- Vacant Block
- 33 Historical data: Constructed in 1870 for Peter Finlay who owned and occupied the house until 1889.
Intactness: facade, parapet, verandah, cast iron brackets and columns dentillated valence board, cast iron fence.
- 41,43 Intactness: facade; parapet; pediment; verandah; cast iron frieze, brackets and columns, tiling to path and verandah floor, cast iron fence.
- 45-51 A continuous terrace unified by the elaborate balustraded parapet with scrolls, draped urns, and elaborate pediments.
Intactness:
45 facade, parapet, urns, pediment.
47 facade, parapet, urns, pediment, double storey verandah with cast iron balustrade, friezes, brackets and columns, cast iron fence.
49,51 facade, parapet, urns, pediment double storey verandah, cast iron fence.
- 61,63 Intactness: facade, parapet.