

A9 Bell Street Precinct

(i) Boundary Definition:

Area on north and south side of Bell Street between 7 and 83 (north side) and 6 and 82 (south side).

The following consistent streetscapes were noted:

- 43-57 Bell Street (north side)
- 59-65 Bell Street (north side)
- 67-83 Bell Street (north side)
- 6-16 Bell Street (south side)
- 68-82 Bell Street (south side)

(ii) Area Description:

The significance of the area derives from:

- (a) the substantial number of Victorian double storey terrace houses, in particular 31-39, 43-57, 73-83 and 72-78 Bell Street.
- (b) The consistent single and double storey Victorian scale of the precinct which is broken and enhanced by Edwardian houses Nos. 9 and 15. The red brick school and the imposing bluestone Special School building.

(iii) Building Schedule:

The following buildings contribute to the character of the area:

Bell Street - north side

- 7 Intactness: facade, parapet, double storey verandah (balcony infilled) cast iron balustrade, frieze, brackets and columns, cast iron fence.
- 9 Intactness: facade, lead lighting to windows, fence posts.
- 11 Intactness: verandah, timber fretwork, tiling to verandah floor, fence.
- 17 Intactness: facade, parapet, semi-intact double storey verandah, (balcony infilled), cast iron frieze, brackets and columns, cast iron fence.

Bell Street State School - scale and forms contributory.

31-39 Intactness: Substantially intact facade, parapet, pedimental motif with scrolls, semi-intact verandah (infilled to 31, upper floor removed to 33,35,37, cast iron fence to 39, verandah floor tiling to 39.

43-57 An excellent, intact double storey group.

Intactness: facade, ornate parapet, pediment with scrolls (scrolls missing to 43,45,47), consistent cast iron balustrading, friezes, brackets (frieze missing to 43,47,49,51,57), cast iron fences, verandah floor tiling to 43,45,49,51,53,55,57.

59-65 An intact group of single storey terraces.

Intactness: facade (face brick, with painted contrasting bricks), parapet, pedimental motif with scrolls, chimneys (with original cement render) verandah, cast iron frieze (fern pattern), cast iron fences.

67 Intactness: facade, parapet, double storey verandah, cast iron frieze.

69 Intactness: facade, parapet, double storey verandah (new iron work), cast iron fence.

71 Intactness: facade, parapet, double storey verandah, cast iron balustrade frieze, cast iron fence.

73-83 Intactness: facade, parapet, double storey verandah, cast iron balustrade (to 77), and friezes (to 73,75,77,79,81), cast iron fence (removed from 81).

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Bell Street - south side

- 6 "St Leger" - Intactness: facade, parapet, pedimental motif with scrolls and vases, semi-intact double storey verandah, cast iron fence.
- 8 "Wairvera" Intactness: facade, parapet, pediment with scrolls, double storey verandah (balcony infilled) cast iron balustrade, friezes, brackets and columns, cast iron fence.
- 10 "Eversley" Intactness: facade, parapet and pediment (identical to no. 6), double storey verandah, cast iron balustrade, friezes, brackets and columns, cast iron fence, verandah floor tiling.
- 12 Intactness: facade, parapet, pedimental motif with scrolls, (verandah removed).
- 14 "Elsinore" (1885) Intactness: facade, parapet, pedimental motif, double storey verandah, cast iron balustrade, friezes, brackets and columns, cast iron fence, path and verandah floor tiling.
- 16 "Paxton" Intactness: facade, balustraded parapet, segmental pedimental motif chimneys, semi-intact double storey verandah.
- 18 Intactness: facade, (face polychrome brickwork), chimneys.
- 20 Intactness: facade (face bluestone), slate roof, chimneys.
- Bell Street bluestone school building:
Historical data: founded as a private school by Mr. Bell, and called Bell's school. Classrooms were downstairs and private dwelling upstairs. Taken over by Education Department in 1873 and registered as State School No. 111.
Intactness: face bluestone, verandah (supported on cast iron brackets), bracketed eaves.
- School Classrooms building - refaced earlier dwellings, (one double fronted, one single fronted)
- 54 Intactness: facade (corner entrance infilled).
- 56-60 Intactness: facade, parapet with pedimental motif, semi-intact double storey verandah (intact to 60 with cast iron friezes, and balustrades.
- 62-66 Intactness: brick warehouse building, face brickwork, parapet.
- 68 Intactness: facade, parapet, chimneys double storey verandah, cast iron balustrade, frieze and brackets, path and verandah floor tiling cast iron fence.
- 70-78 A continuation of No. 68 - Intactness: facade, parapet chimneys to 72-78, double storey verandah, cast iron balustrading and friezes to 70,72), cast iron fence.
- 80 Intactness: facade, parapet, chimney, semi-intact double storey verandah, cast iron fence.
- 82 Historical data: constructed in 1874-75 for Francis W. Graham a paper hanger/importer.
Intactness: facade, dentillated cornice, pedimental motif with scrolls, ornate window mouldings.