

**RECOMMENDATION AND DETERMINATION ON A
NOMINATION TO THE VICTORIAN HERITAGE REGISTER**

NAME: RESIDENCE

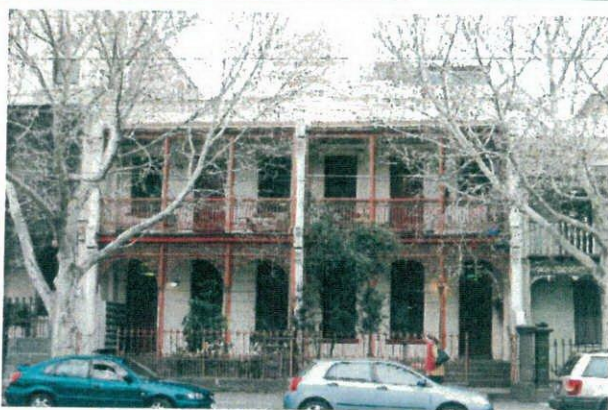
VHR NO: Not applicable

LOCATION: 34-36 NICHOLSON STREET FITZROY, Yarra City

CATEGORY: Not applicable

FILE NO: 602284

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RECOMMENDATION BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- That the Place or object NOT be included in the Heritage Register [Section 32(1)(b)]
- That the Place or object be referred to the relevant planning authority for inclusion in a planning scheme [Section 32(2)]

Manager
Heritage Assessments

Date

Executive Director

Date

REASON:

34-36 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy is of local architectural and historical significance and does not demonstrate sufficient cultural heritage significant to be added to the Victorian Heritage Register.

Terrace housing is already well represented on the Victorian Heritage Register, with 38 places listed as either terrace rows or pairs. The listed places range from grand terraces, such as Drummond Terrace, Carlton (H0872) to rows of modest cottages, such as Terrace, Patterson Street, Princes Hill (H0076-85). These places represent the different construction periods of the nineteenth century, from the earlier 1850s and 1860s buildings, such as Royal Terrace, Nicholson Street Fitzroy (H0172), through to those from the building boom of the 1880s, such as Nathan's Terrace, Wellington Street, Flemington (H1205). Furthermore, 22 terrace pairs or rows have been recommended for local protection and a further 12 terrace places have not been recommended for protection in previous assessments. Such places are representative examples of a typical feature of inner suburban Melbourne, but do not exhibit exceptional cultural heritage significance. Given the number currently listed, a terrace would need to exhibit outstanding or unique cultural heritage significance to be included on the Register.

34-36 Nicholson Street is representative of an 1860s terrace pair, albeit with an 1890s external remodelling. There are currently 11 terraces registered which were constructed in the 1860s and 7 terraces listed which comprise two houses. Wilgah (H0760/H0761) in St Kilda is made up of a pair two-storey houses and was constructed in 1864, and is the only 1860s terrace pair on the VHR. However, 34-36 Nicholson Street is not an outstanding or representative example of 1860s terrace design, as the street frontage has been modified and given an 1890s facade. The original stonework has been obscured following the later exterior modification. Dalmeny House (H0525) and Cramond House (H0482) are a pair of 1880s terrace houses, which exhibit a range of elements characteristic to classical revival style as part of the terrace's original design.

It is recommended that the residence, 34-36 Nicholson Street not be included in the Victorian Heritage Register. The terrace row is currently protected by the City of Melbourne planning scheme within the South Fitzroy Precinct on the heritage overlay (HO334) and this is considered the appropriate level of protection.

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:

The residence at 34-36 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy, also known as Salisbury Place, is a pair of two-storey terrace houses. It was constructed in 1854 and the facade remodelled to incorporate elements of classical revival style in the 1890s.

The earliest portions of Salisbury Place were built for William Smith c.1854, and were described in November that year as 'stone houses of five rooms with brick kitchens and

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servants' rooms and large yards with brick conveniences.' A photo from the Exhibition Buildings c. 1880 shows the houses as unrendered with a double-storey verandah. The houses were extended and refaced, with horizontal rustification on the lower level, most likely in the 1890s. The verandahs were retained and a parapet and elevated nameplate were added. Dr Edwin Oldfield operated a dental practice and advertised operations of his Dental College and Oral Hospital of Victoria from the Salisbury Place address.

34-36 Nicholson Street is a rendered pair of terraces house with a facade incorporating elements of classical revival style. Each level has two windows and a door facing the street; with the door in a central position on the upper level and on the outer edge on the ground floor. Above the balustraded parapet is a central nameplate, surmounted by an elevated semicircular pediment. Ironwork below the balcony comprises a valance with brackets forming an arch below. The extensions and outbuildings which were constructed by the late nineteenth century have since been altered.

34-36 Nicholson Street is of local architectural significance as an example of a typical building type in the inner metropolitan area. It exhibits characteristics of both 1860s terrace design and 1890s classical revival style decoration in the parapet and nameplate.

34-36 Nicholson Street is of local historical significance for its association with a prominent local dentist.
