

RESIDENCE (formerly 'DARNLEE')
33 Lansell Road, Toorak



Recommendations It is recommended that this building be added to the Register of Government Buildings, Register of the National Estate and be protected using the provisions of Clause B of the Town and Country Planning Act (Third Schedule).

History and Description The residence at 33 Lansell Road has had many uses since it was erected in 1901-02 for Charles Russell. Originally a private residence, it was utilized as a hostel by the W.A.A.F. from 1943-45 and the Red Cross from 1951-56; as an Occupational Therapy School from 1956-68 and by the Education Department from 1969. The red brick building itself shows the influence of the revival of Queen Anne architecture in England and incorporates picturesque timberwork, terracotta elements, a circular corner tower and steeply roofed gable entrance. Terracotta tiles clad the steep gable roofs which occur in profusion and are crowned with terracotta cresting and finials. The conical roof of the tower is clad with terracotta shingles and the tower itself features decorative moulding. The bargeboard of the front gable is decoratively carved and heavy turned timber columns support the simple timber framing of the entrance porch. The single storey building is generally squat in appearance with large areas of steep roof dominating the highly asymmetrical composition.

Significance The residence at 33 Lansell Road is an excellent example of Melbourne's Federation style which was so greatly influenced by English domestic architecture of the late 19th century. Details of particular note are the tower, the entrance porch and the use and execution of timber decorative and structural elements.

Intactness This residence remains largely intact externally and retains its terracotta roof elements.

References
Sands and McDougall Directories From 1900