

Row at 105-119 Tooronga Road, Malvern – Statement of Significance, June 2021

Heritage place: Row at 105-119 Tooronga Road, Malvern	PS ref no.: HO690
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Tooronga Road, Malvern (GJM Heritage, November 2020).



What is significant?

The Row of Victorian Houses, 105-119 Tooronga Road, Malvern, constructed from 1889-1890.

Elements that contribute to the significance of the place include (but are not limited to):

- Strong Victorian character
- Consistent single-storey scale
- Modest-sized allotments with generally consistent front setbacks within the streetscape
- Detached houses with predominantly single-fronted principal elevations
- Rendered brick or block-fronted timber walls
- Predominantly corrugated steel roofs
- Hipped roof forms
- Asymmetrical front elevations
- Front verandahs
- Decorative cast ironwork to some verandahs
- Prominent chimneys with corniced capping
- Double hung windows with narrow sidelights
- Bluestone kerbs.

Later alterations and additions to the properties are not significant, including front fences.

How is it significant?

The Row of Victorian Houses is of local historical, representative (architectural) and aesthetic significance to the City of Stonnington.

Why is it significant?

The row of Victorian houses at 105-119 Tooronga Road is illustrative of the suburban development of Malvern during the boom period of the 1880s and early 1890s. In this period, extensive tracts of land in Malvern – and throughout Stonnington more broadly – were subdivided into suburban residential estates, and allotments were purchased for the construction of working and middle-class housing. Constructed as part of the Stanhope Estate subdivision, the houses at 105-119 Tooronga Road clearly illustrate this important phase of development in the City of Stonnington (Criterion A).

The row of Victorian houses at 105-119 Tooronga Road forms a fine and highly intact row of detached, modest houses built in 1889-90. Together these houses display typical features of the Italianate architectural style popular in Malvern and across Victoria more broadly in the Victorian period, including a consistent use of materials and elements, such as timber block fronted or rendered brick construction, hipped roofs clad in metal sheeting, corrugated steel-clad front verandahs, and simple brick or rendered chimneys with corniced cappings (Criterion D).

The houses at 105-119 Tooronga Road form a unified group of residences dating to the Victorian period. Comprising one row of single-storey timber block fronted or rendered brick houses, the consistent application of materials and detailing – such as metal sheet-clad hipped roof forms, post-supported front verandahs, some with decorative cast-iron friezes, simple brick or rendered chimneys with corniced cappings and timber picket fences – in conjunction with their garden settings, presents a highly picturesque grouping of Victorian houses (Criterion E).

Primary source:

Malvern Heritage Review, GJM Heritage (June 2021)

Gradings:

Address	Grade
105 Toorong Road	Contributory
107 Toorong Road	Contributory
109 Toorong Road	Contributory
111 Toorong Road	Contributory
113 Toorong Road	Contributory
115 Toorong Road	Contributory
117 Toorong Road	Contributory
119 Toorong Road	Contributory