

Statement of Significance: Former Sebrof House, 514 Orrong Road, Armadale, October 2023

Heritage Place: Former Sebrof House, Armadale	PS ref no: HO84
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(Source: Extent Heritage Pty Ltd, 2021)

What is significant?

The property at 514 Orrong Road, Armadale (otherwise known as Former Sebrof House) is significant. Specifically, the form, scale, setback, detailing and original interior layout of the substantial 1884 boom era Italianate mansion is of local heritage significance. The later alterations and additions, front fence, pool and site landscaping are not significant.

How is it significant?

Former Sebrof House is of local historical and aesthetic significance to the City of Stonnington, and possesses rarity value for architectural features very rarely attributed to a private residence but instead are reserved for civic buildings.

Why is it significant?

Former Sebrof House is of historical significance in demonstrating the development of mansions on estates in the suburb of Armadale during the mid-19th century, prior to the wider subdivision of the late Victorian estates. The mansion is also of historical significance in demonstrating residential development in the south eastern suburbs by Melbourne's wealthiest citizens during the gold rush period. (Criterion A)

Former Sebrof House is a substantial boom era residence that possesses architectural features very rarely attributed to a private residence but instead are reserved for civic buildings. These features include the four-storey domed tower and the smaller – yet still substantial – twostorey tower. (Criterion B)

Former Sebrof House is a high-quality, fine and intact example of a grand Italianate boom era mansion, comprising two towers, wraparound wrought iron verandah, slate roof, conservatory, and ballroom. The building is a landmark residence in Armadale, particularly owing to the tower, elaborate boom era design and deep setback. (Criterion E)

Primary source

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