

Statement of Significance: 46-50 Wattletree Road, Armadale (March 2022)

Heritage Place: 46-50 Wattletree Road, Armadale	PS ref no: HO754
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(Source: Extent Heritage Pty Ltd, 2021)

What is significant?

The property at 46-50 Wattletree Road, Armadale, is significant. Specifically, the form, scale, setback, detailing and fenestration of the group of three double-storey late Victorian stores is of local significance. The landscaping, ground floor shop fronts, awning and other later alterations and additions to the property are not significant.

How is it significant?

46-50 Wattletree Road is of local historical and aesthetic significance to the City of Stonnington.

Why is it significant?

46-50 Wattletree Road is historically significant in demonstrating the development of local shops and small businesses in late 19th century Armadale, specifically during the 1880s land boom when there was a shift from sparsely developed paddocks to an upper middle-class urban area. Situated within walking distance of local residents, buildings of this nature, in which shopkeepers lived above the shop, were primarily erected to serve the everyday needs of the local community following the emergence of scattered communities within the municipality. The group of buildings therefore forms a tangible link to this period of late 19th century development. (Criterion A)

46-50 Wattletree Road is aesthetically significant as a substantially intact and well-presented group of late Victorian shops, comprising a store on the ground floor and a residence on the first floor. Key attributes contributing towards its aesthetic significance include its symmetry, ornamented parapet with a central projecting pediment on each shop, original brick profiled chimneys, intact timber sash windows with expressed architraves and sidelights on the facade, timber sash windows on the eastern elevation, moulded ornamentation above the façade windows and along the string course, stucco render, and original residential entries at 46 and 48 Wattletree Road. (Criterion E)

Primary source

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