

## Statement of Significance: Ida Villa (2019)

<b>Address:</b> 234 Neerim Road, Carnegie	<b>Name:</b> Ida Villa
<b>Place Type:</b> Late Victorian	<b>Grading:</b> Significant
<b>PS ref no:</b> HO175	<b>Constructed:</b> Circa 1891-98



### What is significant?

The late Victorian period house, known as *Ida Villa*, at 234 Neerim Road, Carnegie, is significant, especially its rectangular form, hipped roof clad in slate, rendered chimneys, polychrome brick walls, and verandah with cast iron detailing and tessellated tiled deck.

The single storey extension to the rear of the villa and front basalt fence are later additions and not significant.

### How is it significant?

*Ida Villa* is of local historical and aesthetic significance to the City of Glen Eira.

### Why is it significant?

*Ida Villa* is of historical significance as one of the few intact buildings surviving in Carnegie from the Victorian period and a rare example of an Italianate style suburban villa in polychrome brick within the suburb. Located in the 1888 Grand Central Caulfield Estate subdivision, one of the first subdivisions in the area, the residence was either constructed by its initial purchasers, the Rispins (1891) or prior to the arrival of its first occupants, William T

Mobbs, and wife, Helen (1899). It is one of a small number of houses erected in the subdivision during the late 19th century (as most houses date to the Federation period), though is the only intact example. (Criterion A)

*Ida Villa* is of aesthetic significance as a good example of the Italianate style as applied to a suburban villa, an idiom that is strongly associated with the late Victorian period. The house is distinguished by its high level of intactness (including chimneys and verandah), defined entry component of the verandah, and general quality of the brickwork such as the herringbone panels below the arched windows. (Criterion E)

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