Statement of Significance: Residence, 15 Darling Street, South Yarra (June 2026)

Heritage Place:	Residence 15 Darling Street, South Yarra	**PS ref no:**	HO32



Figures 1: *Street frontage of the Residence, 15 Darling Street, South Yarra* (GJM Heritage, April 2024).

What is significant?

The residence at 15 Darling Street, South Yarra, constructed 1865.

Elements that contribute to the significance of the place include:

- Single-storey brick house, typical of Italianate houses of the mid-Victorian period
- Slate-clad hipped roof
- Set above ground level on bluestone base
- Symmetrical principal elevation
- Concave hipped front verandah with finely-detailed timber columns, geometric frieze and curved brackets
- Timber-floored verandah with central bluestone access stairs
- Timber-framed front entrance with sidelights and highlight, and flanking timber-framed sash windows
- Brick chimney, with rendered capping and two elaborate cast iron chimney pots, to the north behind the front ridgeline

- Cast iron picket fence to front and front south side boundaries, set in a rough-hewn bluestone and brick base with elaborate stanchions and centrally placed pedestrian gate.

Later alterations and additions to the rear of the building do not contribute to the significance of the place. The overpainting of the brickwork does not contribute to the significance of the place. The front verandah has been accurately reconstructed and contributes to the significance of the place.

How is it significant?

The residence at 15 Darling Street, South Yarra is of local historical and representative significance to the City of Stonnington.

Why is it significant?

The residence at 15 Darling Street, South Yarra has strong associations with the early European development phase of South Yarra, when Crown land was first subdivided and sold for residential development in the mid-nineteenth century. It is one of only a small number of substantially intact houses remaining in the suburb to clearly demonstrate this early phase of development in the City of Stonnington (Criterion A).

The residence at 15 Darling Street, South Yarra is a fine and substantially intact representative example of a mid-Victorian brick house. It displays typical characteristics of the Italianate style of the mid-Victorian period, including hipped slate-clad roof, symmetrical principal elevation with central access stairs, front verandah with decorative timberwork, brick chimney with rendered capping and cast-iron picket fence, with elaborate stanchions and central pedestrian gate, to front and south boundaries (Criterion D).

Primary source

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