Statement of Significance: Residence, 24 Murphy Street, South Yarra (June 2026)

Heritage Place:	Residence 24 Murphy Street, South Yarra	**PS ref no:**	HO165



Figure 1: *Street frontage of the Residence, 24 Murphy Street, South Yarra* (GJM Heritage, April 2024).

What is significant?

The residence at 24 Murphy Street, South Yarra, constructed 1866.

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
- Symmetrical principal elevation
- Quoining to the principal elevation
- Concave hipped front verandah with painted broad-striped roof and timber posts
- Four sets of French doors with rectangular highlights across the principal elevation and entrance at the north side
- Rendered chimneys with capping
- Cast iron palisade fence to front boundary, set on a stepped bluestone base following the grade of the hill.

Later alterations and additions to the rear of the building do not contribute to the significance of the place.

How is it significant?

The residence at 24 Murphy Street, South Yarra is of local historical and representative (architectural) significance to the City of Stonnington.

Why is it significant?

The house at 24 Murphy Street, South Yarra has strong associations with the early European development phase of South Yarra, when 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 the early phase of development in the City of Stonnington (Criterion A).

The house at 24 Murphy 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 quoined front corners, undecorated front verandah with timber posts, symmetrically placed openings to the front elevation with sets of French doors, rendered chimneys with capping and cast iron palisade fence on stepped bluestone base to front boundary (Criterion D).

Primary source

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