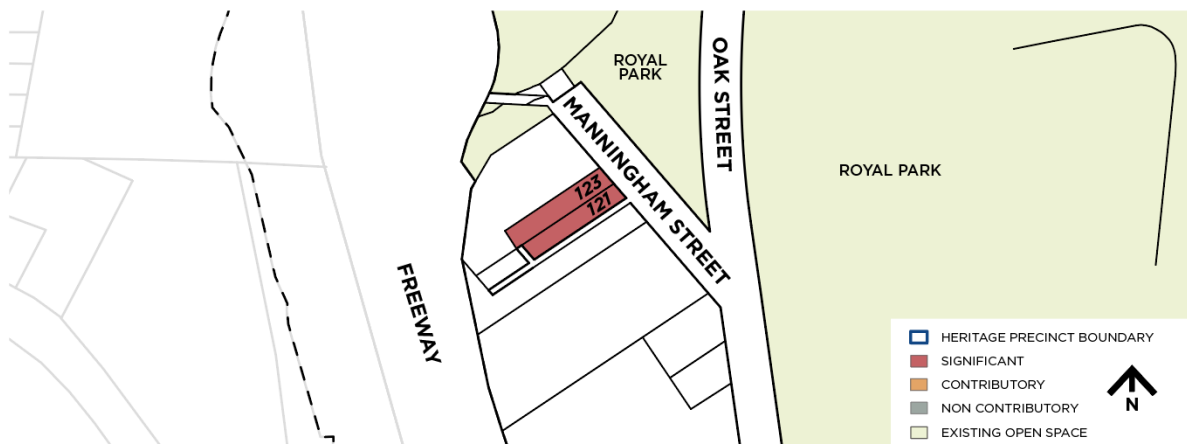


Clyde Villa and Hopetoun Villa, 121 and 123 Manningham Street, Parkville Statement of Significance (GML Heritage, September 2025)

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What is significant?

Clyde Villa and Hopetoun Villa at 121 and 123 Manningham Street, Parkville, built in 1880–81, are significant.

Elements that contribute to the significance of the place include the:

- semi-detached pair of Victorian houses, each with an asymmetrical façade; and
- houses' original Italianate detailing, including slate hipped slate roof; verandah with cast-iron columns and frieze, and bracketed eaves; and chimneys with moulded capping; and
- houses' original setback and garden setting, in particular the circular path and garden layout; and
- houses' pattern and size of original fenestration.

More recent alterations and addition to the rear of the houses are not significant.

How is it significant?

Clyde Villa and Hopetoun Villa at 121 and 123 Manningham Street, Parkville, are of local historical and representative significance to the City of Melbourne.

Why is it significant?

Clyde Villa and Hopetoun Villa, built 1880–81, are of historical significance as representative examples of early residential development in West Parkville, on land that was excised from Royal Park in the 1860s. Clyde Villa and Hopetoun Villa remain as the only examples of nineteenth-century development in the northern area of West Parkville, which, unlike the southern area, experienced only limited development during this period, probably on account of the low-lying land that was swampy in parts and likely prone to flooding from the Moonee Ponds Creek. (Criterion A)

Clyde Villa and Hopetoun Villa are of representative significance as a pair of largely intact Victorian Italianate-style houses, each with an asymmetrical façade. This grouping of a plan type more customarily used for free-standing houses is uncommon within the City of Melbourne. Although reserved in terms of decoration, the houses reflect the typical characteristics of the Victorian Italianate style, including hipped slate roof, verandah with cast-iron columns and frieze, bracketed eaves, and chimneys with moulded capping. The houses are distinguished by the retention of their original setback and garden setting, particularly the retention of the original circular path and garden layout at 121 Manningham Street. (Criterion D)

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