

Statement of Significance – 1903 Avalon Street

'Clarke House' on corner of Clarke Rd and Avalon St.

~~House appears to be of some age although difficult to date precisely because of additions and changes.~~

It appears that the house may have originally been one and a half storey and new gable windows were added to the front façade. All other windows are original – wood frames and mullions with wood sills and topped with a modified soldier course. The windows on the upper storey are very similar, except with narrower concrete sills.

The current house is of buff 'London' brick in English bond. Although it is now painted white, evidence of the original brick can be seen above the front door where the more recent wood 'porch' has no ceiling. Porch is supported by (later) rustic stone columns. The front door is most likely a replacement with a fanlight and half sidelights.

The current house is believed to date from pre-confederation.

There are posts on the boulevard fronting on to Clarke Rd that displayed "Clarke House" and name of occupier. The posts are still there but no longer display any names. These open up to a partial avenue of mature trees (at least 100 years old) that lead at a direct right angle from Clarke Rd to the back of the property, implying that the house was once located here – at the west end of the property.

The current house is to the north of this – at right angle to this former ghost driveway.

There have been additions to the rear (now fronting Avalon St) which appears to have been at least partially a 'tail'.