

FAMILY, FAITH AND FORTUNE IN VICTORIAN SYDNEY

The Edina Estate

by Michael Waterhouse

LOCATED IN WAVERLEY in Sydney's busy Eastern Suburbs, one of the grandest private houses surviving in Sydney from Colonial times is a central feature of the War Memorial Hospital. And yet few people know of it. A historical gem, it is hiding in plain sight.

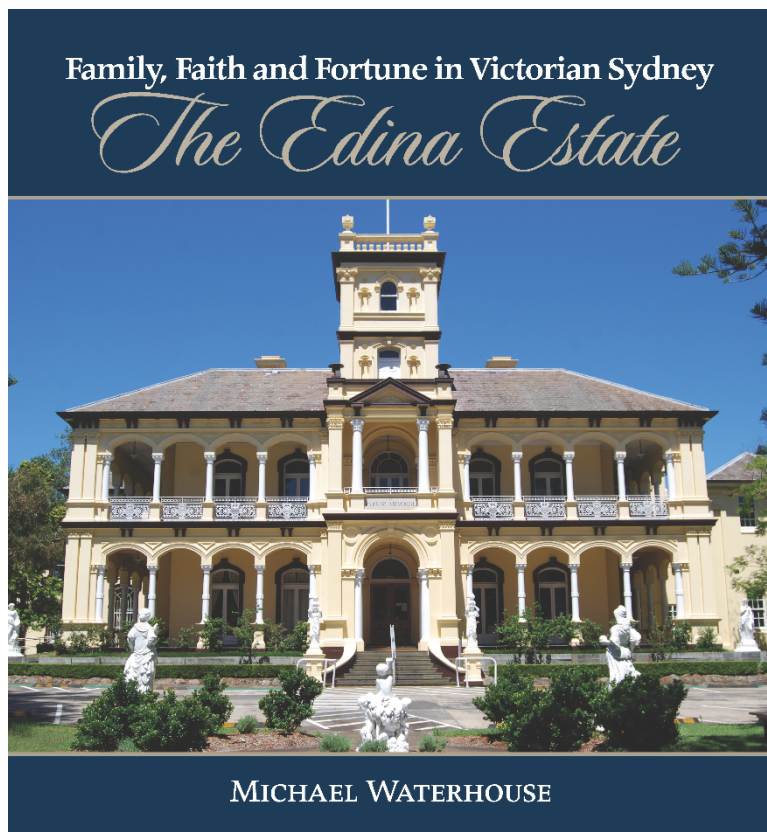
Here at long last is the book which introduces "Edina"—the estate and the families who lived there in its opulent heyday.

Beautifully preserved by the Uniting Church, Edina is a showpiece from the late Victorian era, rich in pictorial art, ornamentation and garden features.

Michael Waterhouse has located an amazing array of contemporary photos, revealing life on the eight-acre estate where three generations of a wealthy and religious family lived in a way that was unique at the time and, more than a century later, appears even more so today.

It uncovers the role played by Jeanie Vickery, whose Scottish background and tastes set the cultural style of Edina, and her husband Ebenezer, a hardnosed businessman, whose approach to commerce often sat uncomfortably with his commitment to the Methodist Church and his family.

Drawing on extensive research, including into the district during the Victorian era, this very readable description conveys a compelling sense of time and place.



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