

Grahamstadt, 5 Harvey Street, Malvern – Statement of Significance, June 2021

Heritage place: Grahamstadt, 5 Harvey Street,
Malvern

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Figure 1. 5 Harvey Street, Malvern (December 2020)

What is significant?

Grahamstadt at 5 Harvey Street, Malvern, constructed in 1890-91.

Elements that contribute to the significance of the place include (but are not limited to):

- The original external form, materials and detailing of the building
- The building's high level of integrity to its original design
- Substantial two-storey form
- Symmetrical massing across the principal (west) elevation
- Hipped and gabled roof forms with slate cladding
- Prominent decorative chimneys
- Face brick walls with rendered decorative elements (overpainted)
- Timber-framed double hung windows.

Later alterations and additions, including recently constructed additions to the rear and south as well as the front fence, are not significant.

How is it significant?

Grahamstadt is of local historical and representative (architectural) significance to the City of Stonnington.

Why is it significant?

Grahamstadt has clear associations with the boom period in suburban Melbourne in the late 1880s and early 1890s. In this period, extensive tracts of land in Malvern – and throughout Stonnington more broadly – were subdivided into suburban residential estates, and allotments were purchased for the construction of middle-class housing. Constructed on an allotment in the Stanhope Estate subdivision, Grahamstadt clearly illustrates this important phase of development in the City of Stonnington (Criterion A).

Grahamstadt is a distinctive, well-resolved and intact representative example of a Victorian residence in the City of Stonnington. Likely designed by architect James Jowett, the building displays important characteristics of late nineteenth century middle-class housing in Malvern and across Melbourne more broadly, including an imposing form, symmetrical composition, hipped and gabled roof forms, prominent chimneys and the use of materials such as slate and red brick (Criterion D).

Primary sources:

Malvern Heritage Review, GJM Heritage (June 2021)