

Malvern Cricket Ground & Grandstand (Lansbury Pavilion), 1253 High Street, Malvern – Statement of Significance, June 2021

Heritage place: Malvern Cricket Ground & Grandstand (Lansbury Pavilion), 1253A & B High Street, Malvern	PS ref no.: HO679
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Figure 1. Looking west across the Malvern Cricket Ground & Grandstand, Malvern (Malvern Town Hall in background) (November 2020).

What is significant?

Malvern Cricket Ground & Grandstand (Lansbury Pavilion) at 1253A & B High Street, Malvern.

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

- The continuous use of the site for formal and informal recreation since its reservation
- The use of the site as the home ground for the Malvern Cricket Club since 1862 and the Malvern Lacrosse Club since 1903
- The location, form and extent of the oval
- The 1926 grandstand.

Car parking and postwar ancillary structures are not significant.

How is it significant?

The Malvern Cricket Ground & Grandstand (Lansbury Pavilion) is of local historical, representative (architectural) and social significance to the City of Stonnington.

Why is it significant?

The Malvern Cricket Ground and Grandstand (Lansbury Pavilion) is important for its long and enduring role as a focus for local community activities and outdoor recreation since its establishment as a public recreation reserve in 1862. It has a clear association with the history of sport in Malvern – and Stonnington more broadly – as the home of the Malvern Cricket Club (the fourth oldest cricket club in Victoria) for over 150 years and the Malvern Lacrosse Club since 1903 (Criterion A).

The Malvern Cricket Ground Grandstand (Lansbury Pavilion) is a fine and highly intact representative example of an early twentieth century grandstand. It displays typical features of this class of place, including its freestanding form, symmetrical massing, open tiered seating with post-supported canopy roof, stair access, and enclosed rooms located at the ground floor level (Criterion D).

The Malvern Cricket Ground has a strong association with the local Malvern community as a focus for social and recreational activity since its establishment as a public reserve in 1862. It has a strong and enduring association with local sporting clubs, Malvern Cricket Club and Malvern Lacrosse Club, which have used the site as their home grounds since 1862 and 1903 respectively. In addition to these formal sporting uses, the Malvern Cricket Ground continues to serve the local Malvern community as a public recreation reserve, providing outdoor space for a range of activities, including sports training and dog walking (Criterion G).

Primary sources:

Malvern Heritage Review, GJM Heritage (June 2021)