

House, 1225 Malvern Road, Malvern – Statement of Significance, June 2021

Heritage place: House, 1225 Malvern Road, Malvern

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1225 Malvern Road, Malvern (December 2020).

What is significant?

The house at 1225 Malvern Road, Malvern, built c1870.

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

- The original external form, materials and detailing of the house
- The house's high level of integrity to its original design
- Single-storey mid-Victorian form
- Simple gabled-roof form with front verandah and large rear skillion-roof form
- Symmetry across principal (south) elevation
- Timber wall cladding and corrugated metal roof cladding
- Simple detailing including red brick corbelled chimney and timber framing to openings
- Flush eaves to the principal (south) elevation
- Window to west wall with divided sashes, fine timber framing and ribbed timber hood, possibly dating to the earliest period of construction.

Later alterations and additions are not significant. This includes the front and side fence and outbuildings to the rear.

How is it significant?

The house at 1225 Malvern Road is of local historical significance to the City of Stonnington. It has local rarity value as an early residential property in the municipality.

Why is it significant?

The house at 1225 Malvern Road is of historical significance for its strong associations with the early settlement of Malvern when a small number of houses and shops were constructed near the intersection of Glenferrie and Malvern roads between the 1850s and 1880s. Constructed in the c1870s, the house clearly illustrates this important and early phase of development in Malvern, and the City of Stonnington more broadly (Criterion A).

The house at 1225 Malvern Road is one of a small number of houses in Malvern remaining from the pre-1880s development of the suburb, and one of few houses remaining on Malvern Road dating to the Victorian period. Likely built in the 1870s, the simple timber house displays features of mid-Victorian housing in Malvern and across Melbourne more broadly, including its weatherboard construction and simple gabled roof form with front verandah. The house remains highly intact to provide evidence of the early development of Malvern, and the City of Stonnington more broadly (Criterion B).

Primary source:

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