

Glendearg, 196 Wattletree Road, Malvern – Statement of Significance, June 2021

Heritage place: Glendearg, 196 Wattletree Road, Malvern

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Figure 1. 196 Wattletree Road, Malvern (GJM Heritage, July 2020)

What is significant?

Glendearg, 196 Wattletree Road, Malvern, built by 1855.

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 early Victorian form
- Corrugated steel roof with two main transverse gables and a smaller central gable
- Broad return verandah to the north and part of the east elevations with concave profile, timber posts and simple timber fretwork
- Two large corbelled brick chimneys placed at the centre of each main gable
- Double-hung windows, some with multi-paned sashes, with simple moulded timber architraves
- Polygonal bay windows to east elevation
- The mature oak tree (*Quercus sp.*) to the north of the house within the Wattletree Road setback.

Later alterations and additions are not significant. This includes two small additions to the rear (south) of the house.

How is it significant?

Glendearg is of local historical significance to the City of Stonnington. It has local rarity value as a house from the 1850s.

Why is it significant?

Glendearg is of historical significance as one of the earliest surviving houses built in the municipality and for its associations with one of the first hotels established in Malvern (The Wattletree Hotel). Constructed in the 1850s, this house has strong associations with the early development of Malvern and illustrates this important phase in the City of Stonnington (Criterion A).

Glendearg is one of few houses in the municipality remaining from the 1850s. Built by 1855, the timber house displays features of the early Victorian housing in Malvern and across Melbourne more broadly, including a simple gable-roofed form with return verandah, double-hung windows with moulded timber architraves and prominent corbelled brick chimneys. The mature oak tree contributes to the historic setting of the property (Criterion B).

Primary source:

Malvern Heritage Review, GJM Heritage (June 2021)

N Lewis & Associates, *City of Malvern Heritage Study*, 1992