

'Iolanthe', 61 Tannery Road, Charlemont Statement of Significance

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Heritage Place: Iolanthe, 61 Tannery Road, Charlemont	PS ref no: HO2034
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Source: Janine Barrand October 2024.

What is significant?

'Iolanthe' is a late Victorian-era single storey weatherboard dwelling built in 1896.

The following features contribute to the significance of the place:

- Hipped roof form
- Horizontal weatherboard wall cladding
- Narrow eaves
- Double-hung timber windows arranged singularly on either side of a central four-panelled door
- Corbelled brick chimney at the rear
- Bullnosed verandah with wrought iron fretwork (original?)
- Victorian-styled picket fence (modern reconstruction)

Features that do not contribute to the significance of this place are twentieth century additions to the north and west elevations off the dwelling.

How is it significant?

'Iolanthe', at 61 Tannery Road, Charlemont, is of historical, representative, and associative significance to the City of Greater Geelong.

Why is it significant?

'Iolanthe' is historically significant for its association with the development of the tannery industry along the Barwon River and its ability to demonstrate a rare surviving example of housing developed for, and occupied by, tannery employees. It is the last surviving cottage on the small allotments adjoining the 'Barwonside' tannery and one of only three known 19th century cottages having association with, and being located close to, former tannery sites in Charlemont and Newtown. (Criterion A).

'Iolanthe' is a particularly fine example of a late 19th century tannery supervisor or workers' cottage, possessing a verandah form and joinery detailing that were typical of middle-class suburban housing of that period but relatively rare on industrial employee accommodation. (Criterion D).

'Iolanthe' is significant for its association with George Gardiner and Charles Frederic Palmer proprietors of 'Barwonside', who both owned the cottage which was occupied by their children Robert Gardiner, and later Gladys Iolanthe Palmer after whom the place is named and another son, Charles Noel Palmer. The dwelling was built by William Tozer, a beamsman and foreman in a tannery, most likely 'Barwonside' (Criterion H).

Primary source

'Iolanthe' Heritage Assessment, Janine Barrand 3 July 2024, peer reviewed by David Scott 24 July 2024.

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