

‘Oakfield’, 334 Church Street, Hamlyn Heights Statement of Significance

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Heritage Place: Oakfield, 334 Church Street, Hamlyn Heights	PS ref no: HO2045
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What is significant?

The property at 334 Church Street, Hamlyn Heights, otherwise known as Oakfield, is locally significant to the City of Greater Geelong. The key elements of primary significance to the place are:

- The original c.1871 weatherboard residence.
- The deep setback of the building from Church Street.

Non-significant elements include:

- The contemporary boundary fence on the southern elevation of the site.
- The contemporary plantings.
- The solar panels located on the contemporary extension.
- The pool and trampoline.
- The rear extension and carport.

How is it significant?

Oakfield is a rare example of the Late Victorian typology in Hamlyn Heights and is of representative significance to the City of Greater Geelong.

Why is it significant?

Oakfield, at 334 Church Street, Hamlyn Heights, is one of the only examples of a Late Victorian residence remaining in the suburb of Hamlyn Heights. On this basis, the residence is an exceedingly rare example of the typology in Hamlyn Heights, an urban context otherwise populated by inter-war, postwar and contemporary structures. Further, it is a rare surviving example of Hamlyn Height's pastoral history which is all but uninterpretable across the suburb. (Criterion B)

The Oakfield residence is of representative significance to the City of Greater Geelong as an intact example of a mid-sized Late Victorian weatherboard villa. Key features noted at Oakfield which make it a representative example of the Late Victorian style and idiom include: its weatherboard construction, wraparound verandah with turned timber posts, paired timber eave brackets, hipped roof clad in galvanised corrugated metal sheeting, and its three rendered Italianate chimneys. (Criterion D)

Primary sources

Oakfield, author: Benjamin Petkov, May 2025, peer reviewer: Mim Butcher, The Heritage Conservancy, May 2025.

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