

'Oak Grove', 50 Whites Road, Mount Duneed Statement of Significance

May 2025

Heritage Place: 'Oak Grove', 50 Whites Road, Mount Duneed	PS ref no: HO2057
---	-------------------



Source: City of Greater Geelong, May 2025

What is significant?

Oak Grove at 50 Whites Road, Mount Duneed, is significant to the City of Greater Geelong.

Significant elements are:

- The original c.1857-1862 bluestone farmhouse.
- The rear weatherboard extension and kitchen, including the original chimneys.

Elements that are not significant are:

- The solar panels.
- The rear skillion-roof extension.
- The 1970s gabled extension adjoining the kitchen to the north.
- The fence and gates, and the contemporary 2020 garage adjacent to the residence.
- The shed in the rear paddock.
- The non-original aluminium weatherboard cladding of the rear weatherboard extension and kitchen.

The bullnose verandah on the façade of the dwelling is not original to the dwelling, which was originally constructed without a verandah. A verandah was constructed on the façade of the dwelling in the early twentieth century, comprising a skillion formed structure on timber posts. Later additions to the verandah have sought to sensitively ornament the structure beyond originality. As such, the verandah is not considered significant original fabric but is considered to be sensitive to the style. It is also considered a reversible addition, as is the concrete slab on which it is affixed.

How is it significant?

Oak Grove is of historical and aesthetic significance to the City of Greater Geelong.

Why is it significant?

Oak Grove is of historical significance to the City of Greater Geelong as a highly intact example of a c.1857-1863 bluestone farmhouse in Mount Duneed. Oak Grove was historically the home of the Rainford family who emigrated to the region from Liverpool in 1852. The house is one of the earliest in Mount Duneed. (Criterion A)

Oak Grove is of aesthetic significance as a highly intact and expressive Victorian farmhouse. Constructed between c.1857 and 1863, elements which contribute to the building's aesthetic significance include: its bluestone construction; its sash windows, which when paired with the central entrance convey a strong sense of symmetry; its twin gabled roof clad in corrugated galvanised metal sheeting; the intact Victorian chimneys, and freestanding ancillary weatherboard kitchen. (Criterion E)

Primary sources

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

Greater Geelong Outer Areas Heritage Study. Stage 2, Volume 16, Authentic Heritage Services Pty Ltd, 1998-2000.

This document is an incorporated document in the Greater Geelong Planning Scheme pursuant to section 6(2)(j) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*