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# Former Kelvin Grove Private Hospital



Kelvin Grove

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## Location

5B Millbank Street BACCHUS MARSH, MOORABOOL SHIRE

## Municipality

MOORABOOL SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO118

## Heritage Listing

Moorabool Shire

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 1, 1995

What is significant?

The Residence and its setting at 5B Millbank Street, Bacchus Marsh.

How is it significant?

The Residence and its setting at 5B Millbank Street, Bacchus Marsh is of local historical and aesthetic significance to the Shire of Moorabool.

Why is it significant?

The Residence and its setting at 5B Millbank Street, Bacchus Marsh is of local historical significance for its representation of the beginning of the boom period in Bacchus Marsh when the railway came to the town and industry was being established. The residence has historical significance for its ability to demonstrate growing prosperity in the town at the time of its construction. From 1917 when purchased by Mrs. H. Campbell, until 1957 the building was used as the Kelvin Grove Private Hospital. The property is of historical significance for its role in health care and in particular maternity care in the Bacchus Marsh area.

The Residence and its setting at 5B Millbank Street, Bacchus Marsh is of local aesthetic significance as substantially intact example of a brick Victorian Italianate villa demonstrating key features of the style. These features include the three bay form, hipped roof, skillion roofed verandah, chimneys with classical mouldings and eaves brackets.

Previous

A brick Italianate house built in 1891, but used between 1918 and 1957 as a private hospital, famous for its maternity role: "the birthplace of Bacchus Marsh".

It is set in a fine garden. Kelvin Grove has local historical significance as a house, for its embodiment of the way of life of the 1890s. It is also significant for its association with the community life of Bacchus Marsh, as a hospital. Hence, it demonstrates a changing sequence of occupancy and use.

It is architecturally significant locally as a relatively intact Italianate house in a fine garden with elements of the period including the driveway, individual trees, archway and summerhouse.

It is socially significant to Bacchus Marsh people as a known and valued part of their sense of identity.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moorabool - Bacchus Marsh Heritage Study 1995, Richard Peterson and Daniel Catrice, 1995;
Other Names	Kelvin Grove Private Hospital: Green Lodge,
Hermes Number	117061
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

A hip-roofed, three - bay Italianate brick house. The left hand bay is set forward, from which projects a canted bay window whose windows have round heads. A skillion verandah in the angle extends around the right hand side. There are three brick chimneys with deep Classical mouldings. Eaves have brackets in a frieze. It is set in a mature garden.

## Physical Description 2

**Garden.** A gravel driveway meanders along the east side of the property towards residences(??) to the rear, whilst a path leads up to the front door under a wire arch.<sup>6</sup> A lattice summer house is located at the rear of the garden along with newer cottage gardens. The return verandah is screened with large shrubs and small trees with ground covers under. A large liquidambar dominates the east side of the garden. Set on the side of a hill, lawns rise up from the driveway to the house with specimen trees in the lawns, including a standard wisteria.

6 Inspected by JS on 12 February 1995, with permission of the owner Mr Geoffrey Camm.

Plant species include : *Liquidambar styraciflua*, Liquidamber. *Prunus cerasifera* 'Niga', Bronzeleaf Cherry Plum. *Koelreuteria paniculata*, Golden Rain Tree. *Betula pendula*, Silver Birch. *Robinia pseudoacacia*, Black Locust. *Nerium Oleander*, Oleander. *Prunus serrulata*, Flowering Cherry. *Prunus sp.* Peach. *Cupressus sempervirens* 'S *tricta*', Italian Cypress. *Wisteria sinensis*, Chinese Wisteria. *Camellia japonica*, Camellia. *Erythrina crista-gallii*, Coral Tree. *Plumbago Capensis*, Plumbago. *Rosa sp.*, Climbing Shrub Rose. *Vitis sp.*, Grapevine. *Juglans Nigra*, Walnut. *Eucalyptus caesia*, Gunngunnu.

## Historical Australian Themes

Townships

## Intactness

Good

SIGNIFICANT INTACT ELEMENTS:

FACADE. VERANDAH. ROOF FORM. EAVES DECORATION. CHIMNEYS. GARDEN.

## Usage/Former Usage

USE: House.

PREVIOUS USE: Private Hospital.

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