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# COLIBAN



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## Location

1564-1566 Malvern Road GLEN IRIS, STONNINGTON CITY

## Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO610

## Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

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## Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Federation house known as 'Coliban', 1564-1566 Malvern Road, Glen Iris, a single-storey dwelling built in 1911.

Elements that contribute to the significance of the place include (but are not limited to):

. The house's original external form, materials and detailing

. The house's high level of integrity to its original design.

Later alterations and additions, such as some infill work at the north side at the front, are not significant.

How is it significant?

'Coliban', 1564-1566 Malvern Road, Glen Iris is of local architectural and aesthetic significance to the City of Stonnington.

Why is it significant?

'Coliban', 1564-1566 Malvern Road, Glen Iris is a fine, large and highly intact example of a Federation house. The house strongly reflects the Federation Queen Anne architectural style popular in the first decade of the twentieth century in Glen Iris and across Melbourne more broadly. The asymmetrical massing, with complex roof forms and contrasting gabled bays, and architectural elements and materials, including tall chimneys, half-timbering with rough cast render, timber detailing and decorative coloured glass, are typical of the style. The use of quality materials and elaborate detailing imparts a sense of grandeur and demonstrates the status of the owner in wealthy established areas such as Glen Iris in the early twentieth century (Criterion D).

'Coliban', 1564-1566 Malvern Road, Glen Iris is a carefully designed and well-resolved example of a Federation house. The projecting half-timbered gable bays with contrasting window bays, tall chimneys, rich timber decoration and extensive use of coloured and leadlight glass present a picturesque composition of this architectural style (Criterion E).

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Construction dates	1911,
Other Names	1564-1566 Malvern Road,
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Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

The former dwelling at 1564-1566 Malvern Road, known as 'Coliban' is a single-storey detached building (now dental clinic) on an unusual triangular allotment. It is characterised by its complex hip and gable roof form, use of terracotta ornament and overall refined design that reflect the Queen Anne architectural style.

The walls are constructed of red brick, with a smooth rendered band at sill level, moulded rendered band at stringcourse level with roughcast render above. The roof is clad in slate with terracotta ridge tiles, and terracotta dragon and ball finials (Figure 3). The chimneys are tall, with roughcast stacks, brick banding and terracotta pots (Figure 3). Two prominent bay windows with half-timbered gable ends and simple bargeboards dominate the north facade (Figure 4). The eastern, segmental bay is finished in roughcast which continues down to the window head, with a slate hood over with exposed rafter tails (Figure 4). The western bay is square, with a flying gable supported on timber brackets and roughcast below. The windows are timber casements, with arched rails and heads, and coloured leaded glazing to the highlights. Flanking both bays are lower side sections with timber casement windows with coloured leadlight glazing and brick heads (east) and matching casement windows (west). A central porch, incorporated under the main roof is supported on decorative timber brackets. A central arched entry with simple timber frieze is set between the brick walls, and the porch is accessed via a flight of

bluestone steps with rendered side walls. The front door is timber, with ornate side and fanlight within a timber frame (Figure 5).

The site is bounded by a modern timber picket fence and tall hedges. A return asphalt driveway with brick edging dominates the front setback. A modern addition, replicating details of the original dwelling, is located at the rear.

#### Integrity

The house retains a high degree of integrity to the Federation Queen Anne style, in fabric, form and detail. While the house has undergone some alterations and additions, these do not diminish the ability to understand and appreciate the place as a fine example of a Federation house.

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