
KNOWLES (FORMERLY 'KNOLE')



5 Haverbrack Avenue
Malvern

Location

5 Haverbrack Avenue MALVERN, STONNINGTON CITY

Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO614

Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 1, 1900

What is significant?

The Federation house known as 'Knowles' (formerly 'Knole'), 5 Haverbrack Avenue, Malvern, a single-storey dwelling built in 1910.

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 additions to the rear (including the verandah), the pool, summerhouse and carport, are not significant.

How is it significant?

'Knowles', 5 Haverbrack Avenue, Malvern is of local architectural and aesthetic significance to the City of Stonnington.

Why is it significant?

'Knowles', 5 Haverbrack Avenue, Malvern, is a fine 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 Malvern and across Melbourne more broadly. The asymmetrical composition with complex roof forms, gabled bays and corner turret, along with architectural elements and materials such as tall chimneys, half-timbering with roughcast render and timber verandah detailing, 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 Malvern in the early twentieth century (Criterion D).

'Knowles', 5 Haverbrack Avenue, Malvern, is a carefully designed and well-resolved example of a Federation house. The sweeping roof forms, projecting gable-end bays, corner turret, rich timber decoration and decorative encaustic tiling present a picturesque composition of this architectural style (Criterion E).

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Construction dates	1910,
Hermes Number	201905
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The dwelling at 5 Haverbrack Avenue, known as 'Knowles' (formerly 'Knole'), is a substantial single-storey detached dwelling on a wide allotment. An architecturally well resolved example of the Federation Queen Anne style, the dwelling is characterised by its steep picturesque roof, diagonal emphasis in plan, and elegant, blind 'candle snuffer' turret. Constructed in 1910, the dwelling remains in good condition.

'Knowles' features a picturesque roofline clad in slate, with terracotta Federation star ridge cappings and fern finials (see Figure 3). The slate roof continues to form a verandah that returns on the south and east elevations. Two decorative red brick chimneys remain, with brick strapping, corbelling and two terracotta chimney pots. The wall construction is red brick (overpainted), with a vermiculated rendered banding (overpainted) at sill and stringcourse level. The main projecting gable has a roughcast render (overpainted) and timber strapwork gable end that continues to the bow window below. The flying gable is supported on decorative timber brackets, with timber lining boards to the soffit. The central gable end is ventilated, with roughcast render infill. The south-east corner of the dwelling is dominated by the blind turret, with a fleur and ball terracotta finial. The turret is clad in roughcast render (overpainted) with timber strapping, and a large corner bay window is located underneath. A deep verandah returns about the corner turret, and is supported on turned timber posts, with ornate timber brackets and arcaded timber frieze. The floor of the verandah is encaustic tiles with bluestone edging, raised above ground level. Windows are timber casements, and those on the bow window feature are glazed with

coloured leadlight (leadlight to the house is modern).

'Knowles' is set within gardens (planted after the late 1980s) and the site is bounded by a tall, modern brick pier and decorative metal fence that matches the verandah detailing on the main house (fence constructed 1987). A red brick driveway provides access to a modern carport on the eastern side of the site, which also features similar detailing to the main house. A large extension is located at the rear of dwelling, which was built c1987. Also built c1987 was the summer house in the north-east corner of the property.

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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