
Overnewton



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Location

Overnewton Road, KEILOR VIC 3036 - Property No 18

Municipality

BRIMBANK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H200

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1

Heritage Listing

Brimbank City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - August 19, 1971

An Overnewton homestead complex incorporating a picturesque example of Scots baronial design in the two-storey section which was designed by Thomas M. Taylor and built in 1859, is of historical, architectural and Social significance as a rare and unusual example of early squatters pastoral estate reflecting an unusual origin. Several other aspects of the homestead are of importance, including the spiral staircase in the western turret and the billiard room. The earliest part of the homestead dates from about 1849. The classification applies to the complex of stone buildings only. The homestead is also significant for its association with pastoralist William Taylor.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Brimbank - Brimbank City Council Post-contact Cultural Heritage Study, G. Vines, 2000; Brimbank - Melbourne Western Region Industrial Heritage Study, G. Vines & A. Ward, 1989;
Construction dates	1849,
Hermes Number	106276
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Original colonial bluestone homestead built c. 1849 with the two-storey medieval wing and gatehouse added c.1859. Set back from the Bendigo road. Of the original pastoral complex, the homestead and domestic outbuildings survive with the original 1849 and later 1860s additions comprising the stone, hipped-roof central section, with verandah and renewed verandah detail, flanked by large Baronial addition, altered in the 1920s? Outbuildings are of stone and timber and there is also an old aviary. Plantings include: agapanthus, olive hedge rows; *C. sempervirens*, *C. macrocarpa* and *C. torulosa* specimens and groups, Canary Island pines, *Araucaria* sp. (bunya, hoop pine), sugar gums, an old melia, palms, and a mature walnut tree. Large olives and *Ficus macrophylla*. Located on Overnewton Drive, once the private driveway, but now realigned at the south-west. The original drive is marked by tree rows and the surviving gatehouse on the Old Calder Highway.

Condition/Integrity

Good

Physical Conditions

Good

Historical Australian Themes

3 Developing local, regional and national economies

3.5 Developing primary production

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