
Kooloora



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Location

4 Embling Road MALVERN, STONNINGTON CITY

Municipality

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Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO613

Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Federation house known as 'Kooloora', 4 Embling Road, Malvern, 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 are not significant.

How is it significant?

Kooloora, 4 Embling Road, Malvern, is of local architectural and aesthetic significance to the City of Stonnington.

Why is it significant?

Kooloora, 4 Embling Road, 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 and multiple gabled bays including diagonally projecting corner bay, along with architectural elements and materials such as tall chimneys, half-timbering with rough cast 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).

Kooloora, 4 Embling Road, Malvern is a carefully designed and well-resolved example of a Federation house. Multiple projecting roof bays, rich timber decoration, fishscale cladding and decorative encaustic tiling present a picturesque composition of this architectural style (Criterion E).

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Construction dates	1911,
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Physical Description 1

The dwelling at 4 Embling Road, known as 'Kooloora', is a substantial attic storey dwelling with a deep street setback. In terms of detail, the design (possibly by owner architect Thomas Kelly) is characteristic of the Federation Queen Anne style and exhibits many elegant and intact features including its complex, picturesque roofscape with a diagonal emphasis, deep verandah, ornamental timberwork and decorative chimneys. The 1911 house is in very good condition.

'Kooloora' has a diagonal emphasis in plan, provided by the corner gablet and polygonal bay below (Figure 2). The wall construction is tuck pointed red brick, laid in stretcher bond and the asymmetrical hip and gable roof is clad in interlocking Marseilles tiles, with decorative terracotta scroll finials (Figure 3). Three chimneys are visible from the street, with red brick stacks and strapping, roughcast rendered top, and terracotta chimney pots (Figure 3). The dominant corner gablet emphasises the diagonal plan of the house, with pressed metal infill to the gable end in a fish scale pattern and a plain bargeboard. This window-less gablet is finished in roughcast render (overpainted) with vertical timber strapping (Figure 2). A dormer window, projecting to the north, comprises a bank of three casement windows with diamond pattern leadlight glazing (Figure 3). A deep verandah returns about the corner gablet on the north and east elevations of the dwelling, and is incorporated under the main sweep of the roof. The verandah is supported on ornate turned timber posts, with decorative Art Nouveau inspired timber brackets with tulip motifs and exposed rafter tails under the gutter line (Figure 2). The floor of the verandah is finished with encaustic tiles and bluestone edging. Timber casement windows with highlights are located on the corner bay with bluestone sills. Two arch headed windows with bluestone sills are also located under the verandah, on a second projecting bay window on the north facade.

Later additions to the house include the large dormer at the centre of the west elevation, the gabled bay at the south end of the east elevation and the gabled bay on the south elevation, all in a sympathetic style.

'Kooloora' is set within a mature garden with a decorative picket fence and vehicular and pedestrian gates (appear to be a recent construction). A driveway runs along the eastern side to a modern carport, detailed to match the dwelling. A second modern outbuilding is located at the rear of the site (see Figure 4).

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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