
Chesterfield House



6 Mayfield Avenue

Location

6 Mayfield Avenue MALVERN, Stonnington City

Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO275

Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

Statement of Significance

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Chesterfield at 6 Mayfield Avenue, Malvern is of Local (potential State) significance architecturally:

- as externally near original and successfully early design in the Queen Anne revival manner, judged within the State context

Heritage Study/Consultant	Stonnington - Heritage Overlay Review - Amendment C5, C6, Graeme Butler & Associates, 2003; Stonnington - City of Malvern Heritage Study, Nigel Lewis and Richard Aitken P/L, 1992;
Construction dates	1891,
Architect/Designer	Treeby, Philip Edward,
Other Names	Syme House, 6 Mayfield Avenue, Malvern,
Hermes Number	31168
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

(as assessed from the street)

The 1891 perspective of the house shows a red brick Queen Anne revival two storey house with prominent half-timbered gables, slate roof and tall chimneys, with multiple stacks. The gable ends were jettied out on ornamental timber brackets, windows were typically grouped and some set in faceted or semi-circular bays at ground level, allowing for open balconies at the upper level.

The 1902 MMBW plan shows the house named Chesterfield, close to Mayfield Avenue and facing to the north and east, with stables and other outbuildings set within fenced service yards along Mayfield Ave. The house has a cellar in the south-east wing and upstairs plumbing. To the north, west and east were the grounds, allowing for extensive gardens on the Chesterfield Avenue frontage and a tennis court on the east boundary at Mayfield Ave. The house plan has steps leading up from the west garden, a projecting room bay on the west and north and window bays on the east and south-east. The entry porch is at the north east corner.

The existing house shows some differences in execution: it has Marseilles pattern terra-cotta tiles instead of slates, the multiple chimney shafts are suggested by cement ribs rather than expressed, and at least one open balcony has been roofed in an ornamental manner similar to the rest of the design. The main elevation is however obscured from the street view.

(inspection required)

Integrity

(as assessed from the street)

Generally externally original except for details such as the presumed missing terra-cotta finials to the gables. The land with some significant trees has been subdivided to form a new lot on the east. A brick garage has been added in place of the stable facing Mayfield Ave

Local Historical Themes

8.2.2 'Country in the city' - suburban development in Malvern before 1920 8.4.1 Houses as a symbol of wealth, status and fashion

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