

Former Player House, 333 Glenferrie Road, Malvern – Statement of Significance, June 2021

Heritage place: Former Player House, 333 Glenferrie Road, Malvern

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Figure 1. Former Player House, 333 Glenferrie Road, Malvern (GJM Heritage, July 2020)

What is significant?

The Former Player House at 333 Glenferrie Road, Malvern, built in 1918-19 to designs by architects Arthur and Hugh Peck.

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

- The original external form, materials and detailing of the house and garage
- The house and garage's high level of integrity to their original design
- Late Federation Bungalow/attic-style house
- Simple overall massing with large street-facing gable
- Broad roof planes of steeply pitched gabled forms with dominant bell-cast roof to the front elevation and hipped roofs at the rear
- Unglazed terracotta tile-clad roofs
- Asymmetrical front elevation with prominent central gable bay composed of asymmetrically placed elements flanked by deep side verandahs
- Deep front balcony with bell cast terracotta shingled balustrade and terracotta shingled gable apex
- Large unadorned verandah archways

- Projecting bowed and boxed window bays
- Simple tapered chimneys
- Gable-roofed garage clad with unglazed terracotta tiles at south-west corner of house
- The siting of the rear tennis court (the surface finish and supporting infrastructure is not significant).

Later alterations and additions are not significant.

How is it significant?

The Former Player House is of local historical, representative (architectural) and aesthetic significance to the City of Stonnington.

Why is it significant?

The Former Player House has strong associations with the early twentieth century subdivision of large estates which were established by wealthy Melbournians during the land boom of the 1880s. The place clearly illustrates this important phase of development in the City of Stonnington (Criterion A).

The Former Player House is a fine and largely intact representative example of a Federation house. It displays typical features of the Federation Bungalow style popular in the 1910s in Malvern and across Melbourne more broadly, including simple massing with broad roof planes, a deep verandah and deeply recessed balcony, arched openings, and the use of materials such as brick, terracotta tiles and wall-hung terracotta shingles (Criterion D).

The Former Player House is a well-considered and carefully detailed example of what can broadly be described as a Federation Bungalow house. The simple design, with broad main gable and deeply recessed balcony to the first-floor roof space, together with the restrained use of distinctive architectural elements such as wall-hung terracotta shingles and simple tapered chimneys, presents a picturesque composition of this architectural style. The garage to the south-west of the house and the rear tennis court contribute to the historical and physical setting of the place (Criterion E).

Primary source:

Malvern Heritage Review, GJM Heritage (June 2021)

'333 Glenferrie Road, Malvern Heritage Assessment', John Statham (March 2011)