Rosehill Chapel, 19 Mayfield Avenue, Malvern – Statement of Significance, June 2021

Heritage place: Rosehill Chapel, 19 Mayfield Avenue, Malvern	**PS ref no.:** HO276

Figure 1.19 Mayfield Avenue (GJM Heritage, July 2020).

What is significant?

Rosehill Chapel at 19 Mayfield Avenue, Malvern, an early bluestone building constructed in 1856.

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

- The original external form, materials and detailing of the building
- The building's high level of integrity to its original design
- Early Victorian building
- Random coursed bluestone rubble walls
- Slate-clad gabled roof
- Decorative timber valence to east gable end
- Narrow rectangular window openings to north and west elevations with bluestone lintels and sills and fine glazing bars to window margins
- Narrow door openings with bluestone lintels, to north and east elevations
- Pair of attic windows to west elevation.

Later alterations and additions are not significant. This includes the rear and connecting wings and the fencing/hedging to the street frontage.

How is it significant?

Rosehill Chapel is of local historical significance to the City of Stonnington. It has local rarity value as a former private chapel.

Why is it significant?

Rosehill Chapel has strong associations with the early subdivision of land in what is now the City of Stonnington and clearly illustrates the initial phase of European settlement in the Malvern area (Criterion A).

Rosehill Chapel is the sole remnant of the 1850s Rosehill Estate in Malvern. Built in 1856, the unusual bluestone building was in use as a private chapel from at least 1869 and it is highly probable that it was built for this purpose. It is significant as a rare building type in the City of Stonnington, which remains highly intact to its period of construction (Criterion B).

Primary source:

Malvern Heritage Review, GJM Heritage (June 2021)

G Butler & Associates, *Heritage Overlay Review*, 2002