

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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OVERNEWTON GATEHOUSE



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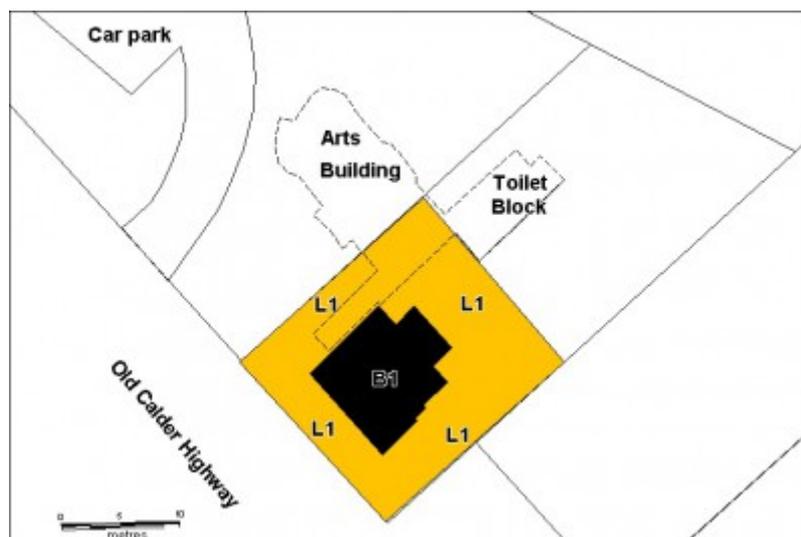
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overnewton gatehouse h1947 extent april 2001

Location

804-804A OLD CALDER HIGHWAY KEILOR, BRIMBANK CITY

Municipality

BRIMBANK CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1947

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO16

VHR Registration

July 12, 2001

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

What is significant?

Overnewton Gatehouse was built for pastoralist William Taylor in c1859 as the entrance lodge to his Overnewton estate. Overnewton house (H200) was the centre of this large estate, acquired by Taylor in 1849. The first house was built in 1849 with extensive additions in 1859. Overnewton employees and their families occupied the gatehouse until the final break-up of the estate for closer settlement in 1905.

Overnewton Gatehouse is a small single storey house asymmetrically composed and built in the same manner of construction as Overnewton. It has bluestone walls, probably rubble rather than coursed. The exterior walls are finished with harling in the same manner as Overnewton. Harling is a lime and gravel render, traditionally thrown on rather than trowelled on. The gabled roofs, terminated with crow-stepped bluestone parapets and topped by a pressed cement ball-shaped finial, are identical to those at Overnewton. The style is Scottish Baronial, a reference to William Taylor's Scottish origins. The plans for the main house were reputedly sent out from Scotland following a visit there by Taylor in 1856-59. Melbourne architect Thomas Taylor supervised the works.

The interior plan of the gatehouse is intact, retaining the cottage feel of a nineteenth century gatehouse. The kitchen, with a small pantry, adjoins the living room, and shares the single chimney flue. A plain timber fireplace in the kitchen is the only ornamentation. The only bedroom is joined via a small passageway to the rear. All ceilings are tongue and grooved beaded lining boards with characteristic coving that follows the pitch of the roof.

How is it significant?

Overnewton Gatehouse is of architectural and historical significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

Overnewton Gatehouse is architecturally and historically significant as a rare example of a nineteenth century

estate gatehouse. Gatehouses to large private estates from the mid-nineteenth century period in Victoria are particularly rare. It is architecturally important for its picturesque plan and form, a typical design mode for gatehouses of large estates.

Overnewton Gatehouse is architecturally significant as a clear expression of the Scottish Baronial style. It complements the styling of the main house at Overnewton, known to have been extended in this style in 1859. Overnewton house is the largest and clearest expression of the style in Victoria. The gatehouse is comparable to, and contemporary with, the gatehouse at Ercildoune, also in the Scottish Baronial style.

Overnewton Gatehouse is historically significant for its associations with the Taylor family, particularly the pastoral pioneer William Taylor. The gatehouse was part of the Overnewton estate that remained in the ownership of the Taylor family from 1849 until 1959. The gatehouse, now cut off from the house by twentieth century development, demonstrates the size of Taylor's original estate prior to its subdivision.

Permit Exemptions

General Conditions:

1. All alterations are to be planned and carried out in a manner that prevents damage to the fabric of the registered place or object.
2. Should it become apparent during further inspection or the carrying out of alterations that original or previously hidden or inaccessible details of the place or object are revealed which relate to the significance of the place or object, then the exemption covering such alteration shall cease and the Executive Director shall be notified as soon as possible.
3. If there is a conservation policy and plan approved by the Executive Director, all works shall be in accordance with it.
4. Nothing in this declaration prevents the Executive Director from amending or rescinding all or any of the permit exemptions.
5. Nothing in this declaration exempts owners or their agents from the responsibility to seek relevant planning or building permits from the responsible authority where applicable.

Exterior of gatehouse

- * Minor repairs and maintenance which replace like with like.
- * Removal of extraneous items such as air conditioners, pipework, ducting, wiring, antennae, aerials etc, and making good.

Interior of gatehouse

- * Installation, removal or replacement of hooks, nails and other devices for the hanging of paintings and other wall mounted artworks.
- * Painting of previously painted walls, ceiling and doors provided that preparation or painting does not remove evidence of the original painting or other decorative scheme.
- * Installation, removal or replacement of carpets and flexible floor coverings.
- * Installation, removal or replacement or upgrading of kitchen benches, cupboards and fixtures including sinks, stoves, ovens refrigerators, dishwashers etc and associated plumbing and wiring, provided that the existing masonry structure is not affected.
- * Refurbishment of existing bathroom and toilet specifically the removal, installation or replacement of sanitary fixtures and associated piping, mirrors, wall and floor coverings.
- * Installation, removal and replacement of electrical wiring provided that all new wiring is fully concealed.
- * Installation, removal and replacement of bulk insulation in the roof space.
- * Installation of security alarms and smoke detectors

Construction dates	1859,
Architect/Designer	Taylor, Thomas Mcpherson,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,

Hermes Number 11581

Property Number

History

Associated People: William Taylor

Extent of Registration

1. All the building marked as follows on Diagram 1947 held by the Executive Director.
B1 Gatehouse

2. All the land marked L1 shown on Diagram 1947 held by the Executive Director

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place data owner.

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