

**BACCHUS MARSH HERITAGE STUDY.****Ref:** 116

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**NAME:** Kelvin Grove.**PREVIOUS NAME:** Kelvin Grove Private Hospital; Green Lodge.**ADDRESS:** 5 Millbank Street.**TITLE DETAILS:****USE:** House.**PREVIOUS USE:** Private Hospital.**SIGNIFICANT DATE:** 1918-57 **CONSTRUCTION DATE:** 1891**DESIGNER:** **BUILDER:** Mr Brady, Gisborne **SOURCE:** 2**CRITERIA:** H2.5; Ar1; Sol. **HISTORIC THEME:** Townships**DESCRIPTION:** **STYLE:** Italianate **STORIES:** 1 **DETACHED.****MATERIALS:** **WALLS** Brick **ROOF** **STRUCTURE****CONDITION:** Good **INTACTNESS:** Good **THREATS:** -**SIGNIFICANT INTACT ELEMENTS:**

FACADE. VERANDAH. ROOF FORM.

EAVES DECORATION.

CHIMNEYS.

GARDEN.

**SIGNIFICANCE:****TYPE:** HISTORICAL. ARCHITECTURAL. SOCIAL.**LEVEL:** LOCAL.**DESIGNATION EXISTING:** Nil**RECOMMENDED CONTROL** PLANNING SCHEME. AREA 1.**MAP NO:** U3.07 **SURVEY:** RP, JS **DATE:** 9.1.94 **NEGS:** 10.1/1018-

**HISTORY:** Thomas Cain purchased this property from W.J. Humphrey in October 1891.<sup>1</sup> Extensive alterations were completed in the following year; the builder, a Mr Brady of Gisborne, working to designs supplied by the owner.<sup>2</sup> Described as a commodious dwelling house, it was known as Green Lodge, and comprised six large rooms, servants quarters, laundry, buggy shed, stables and other outbuildings.<sup>3</sup>

Following Cain's death in 1913, the property was owned by Eugene O'Connell. In December 1917 Green Lodge was purchased by Mrs H. Campbell and converted for use as a private hospital, which she named Kelvin Grove.<sup>4</sup> Opened in March 1918, the hospital treated various injuries and illnesses, but earned particular note as a maternity hospital, "the birth-place of Bacchus Marsh". Matron Campbell operated the hospital, later there were Sisters Hughes, Eileen and Alma.<sup>5</sup> This and other private institutions were closed following the establishment of the Bacchus Marsh and District War Memorial Hospital in 1957 (ref: 134).

**VISUAL DESCRIPTION:** A hip-roofed, three-bay Italianate brick house. The left hand bay is set forward, from which projects a canted bay window whose windows have round heads. A skillion verandah in the angle extends around the right hand side. There are three brick chimneys with deep Classical mouldings. Eaves have brackets in a frieze. It is set in a mature garden.

Garden. A gravel driveway meanders along the east side of the property towards residences(?) to the rear, whilst a path leads up to the front door under a wire arch.<sup>6</sup> A lattice summer house is located at the rear of the garden along with newer cottage gardens. The return verandah is screened with large shrubs and small trees with ground covers under. A large liquidambar dominates the east side of the garden. Set on the side of a hill, lawns rise up from the driveway to the house with specimen trees in the lawns, including a standard wisteria.

Plant species include:

<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	Liquidambar
<i>Prunus cerasifera</i> 'Nigra'	Bronzeleaf Cherry Plum
<i>Koelreuteria paniculata</i>	Golden Rain Tree
<i>Betula pendula</i>	Silver Birch
<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	Black locust
<i>Nerium oleander</i>	Oleander
<i>Prunus serrulata</i>	Flowering Cherry
<i>Prunus sp.</i>	Peach

<sup>1</sup> *Bacchus Marsh Express*, 10 October 1891.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, ? May 1892; and personal communication with Gwyn Moore, BMDHS.

<sup>3</sup> "Kelvin Grove, Green Lodge Villa, Millbank Street" typescript, BMDHS. No author. No date.

<sup>4</sup> *Bacchus Marsh Express*, 1 December 1917.

<sup>5</sup> Camm, *Bacchus Marsh by Bacchus Marsh*, pp. 39, 148, 273, 294, 305, & 346.

Moore & Oomes, *Bacchus Marsh. A Pictorial Chronicle*, p.117.

<sup>6</sup> Inspected by JS on 12 February 1995, with permission of the owner Mr Geoffrey Camm.

<i>Cupressus sempervirens 'Stricta'</i>	Italian Cypress
<i>Wisteria sinensis</i>	Chinese Wisteria
<i>Camellia japonica</i>	Camellia
<i>Erythrina crista-gallii</i>	Coral Tree
<i>Plumbago Capensis</i>	Plumbago
<i>Rosa sp.</i>	Climbing and Shrub Roses
<i>Vitis sp.</i>	Grapevine
<i>Juglans Nigra</i>	Walnut
<i>Eucalyptus caesia</i>	Gunnungnu

**COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS:** Other private hospitals included Inglewood c1914 (ref. 203) Ashley (ref. 139) and Quamby, Standfield Street.

**SIGNIFICANCE:** A brick Italianate house built in 1891, but used between 1918 and 1957 as a private hospital, famous for its maternity role: "the birthplace of Bacchus Marsh". It is set in a fine garden.

Kelvin Grove has local historical significance as a house, for its embodiment of the way of life of the 1890s. It is also significant for its association with the community life of Bacchus Marsh, as a hospital. Hence, it demonstrates a changing sequence of occupancy and use.

It is architecturally significant locally as a relatively intact Italianate house in a fine garden with elements of the period including the driveway, individual trees, archway and summerhouse.

It is socially significant to Bacchus Marsh people as a known and valued part of their sense of identity.

**INTACTNESS:**

**CONDITIONS & THREATS:**