GRANDVIEW GROVE AREA

History and Significance The three allotments bounded by High Street, Malvern Road, Williams Road and Orrong Road were sold at the Crown land sale of 15 May 1850. By 1855 when Kearney produced his map of Melbourne, the westernmost allotment had been subsequently subdivided and the small present day streets comprising Aberdeen Road, Bayview Street, Pridham Street and Wrights' Terrace had been formed and partially developed with small cottages. However, the two large eastern allotments of the block remained entirely undeveloped.

Mr Moffat's estate, Mount Grand View, was auctioned with frontages to Grandview Grove and Chatsworth Road and by the 1880s Grandview Grove had been subdivided and large villa allotments created. Large prestige dwellings were soon erected and by the turn of the century over twenty mansions had been erected in this street. However, not all residents in this vicinity were as lucky as those living in Grandview Grove. Piecemeal subdivision of Allotment 47 to the east, meant that over the rear fence of numbers 14 to 28 Grandview Grove, tiny allotments were created in Woodfull Street ignoring both the topographic characteristics of this land (it being situated on a prominant rise) and the size of neighbouring allotments.

The significance of Grandview Grove derives from the number of large intact villas, the unusual curved street layout, and the vista from the high land which overlooks the lower lying parts of Pranran. Also adding much to the significance of the area is the superb avenue of mature Plane trees which emphasise the select nature of Grandview Grove.

