

Grenfell, 9 Mernda Road
Architects: Godfrey and Spowers

1932: Owner, H R Syme, 233 Collins Street, Melbourne Agent, Godfrey & Spowers, 239 Collins St. Melbourne (MMBW Drainage Plan 189965)

A rather stylish derivation of the Old English style anticipating architectural characteristics of modern architects of the late 1930s to the 50s. It has a main transverse gable with projecting dormers with brick apexes. The main feature is the projecting gable towards the house which has a central chimney breast extending from it and the chimney extending through the projected eaves at the gable end. The base of the chimney is of rustic stonework of sandstone and terracotta shingles are used for capping the extension. A skillion roof extends from the main projecting gable down to a very low level and this contains the entry and the small side wing. The entry arch adjacent is a triple reveal, framed in tapestry bricks. These are also used for the three small matching adjacent windows having arched voussoirs with tapestry bricks. The windows are casement windows with a simple rectangular grid of leaded glass. The grounds are magnificent and a massive oak tree dominates the front garden. Crazy paving and a lawn path in front of the house extends from the main gates in a sweep to the rear garage. The side garden has a sunken pool and the whole is very intact, including the original brick fence. This uses the same tapestry brick capping with elegant wrought iron gates.

Grenfell is of regional significance as a pioneering design reflecting a modern interpretation of the Arts and Crafts idiom. The property is enhanced by the intact early landscaping.



MALVERN RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT CONTROL STUDY (PART OF
'A' GRADED LIST)

127. 12 Macquarie Road
128. 1010 Malvern Road
129. 1018 Malvern Road
130. 1021 Malvern Road
131. 1022 Malvern Road
132. 1026 Malvern Road
133. Lauriston, 1034 Malvern Road
134. 1035 Malvern Road
135. 1043 Malvern Road
136. Shameen, later Moonambel, 1050 Malvern Road
137. 1059 Malvern Road
138. Lauriston 1062 Malvern Road
139. Hopetoun Flats, 1077 Malvern Road
140. 1076 Malvern Road
141. 1078 Malvern Road
142. 1088 Malvern Road
143. 1089 Malvern Road
144. 1097 Malvern Road
145. 1104 Malvern Road
146. 1181 Malvern Road
147. 1215 Malvern Road
148. 1225 Malvern Road
149. Former Bakery, 1227 Malvern Road
150. 10 Manning Road
151. Finchlea, 17 Manning Road
152. 119 Manning Road
153. 139 Manning Road
154. Shamley, 4 Mayfield Avenue
155. Chesterfield, 6 Mayfield Avenue
156. Mayfield Centre, 11 and 11A Mayfield Avenue
157. 3-5 Mercer Road
158. 13 Mercer Road
159. 15 Mercer Road
160. 12 Mercer Road
161. 14 Mercer Road
162. 16 Mercer Road
163. 34 Mercer Road
164. Lynton, later Montrose, Lauriston, 35 Mercer Road
165. 3 Mernda Road
166. 7 Mernda Road
167. Grenfell, 9 Mernda Road
168. 8 Monaro Road
169. 13A Monaro Road