

# MACGEORGE HOUSE



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H02004 macgeorge house  
ivanhoe south side 02



H02004 macgeorge house  
ivanhoe south side from river  
02



H02004 macgeorge house  
ivanhoe west side 02



H02004 macgeorge house  
ivanhoe porch 02



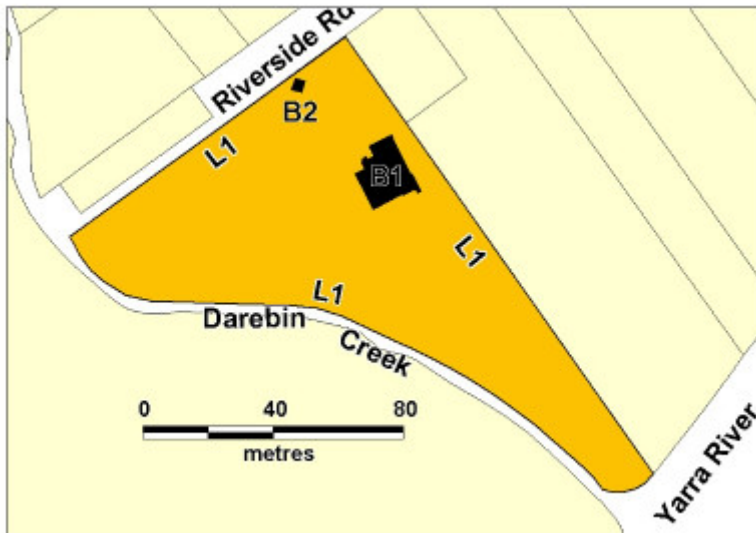
H02004 macgeorge house  
ivanhoe living room 02



H02004 macgeorge house  
ivanhoe living 02



H02004 macgeorge house  
ivanhoe hallway 02



H02004 macgeorge house ivanhoe plan

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### Location

25 RIVERSIDE ROAD IVANHOE, BANYULE CITY

### Municipality

BANYULE CITY

### Level of significance

Registered

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H2004

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO51

### VHR Registration

November 14, 2002

### Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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### Statement of Significance

Last updated on - November 14, 2002

What is significant?

Built in 1911, the Macgeorge House (also known as Fairy Hills) is situated at the intersection of the Yarra River and Darebin Creek in Ivanhoe. A substantial bungalow, it is roughcasted externally with some half timbering to gables. The interior is comprehensively finished in a variety of natural and dark stained timbers, with very fine hand crafted detailing to fittings and furnishings. The house remains largely intact to its original appearance and character to both exterior and interior.

How is it significant?

The Macgeorge House is of architectural and historical significance to the State of Victoria

Why is it significant?

The Macgeorge house is of architectural significance as an important and remarkably complete example of the work of leading architect Harold Desbrowe Annear in the early years of this century. While demonstrating a number of features typical of his work at this time, such as his love of roughcasted and half timbered bungalow forms and richly detailed Arts & Crafts interiors, it shows his broad tendency in this period toward simplification and abstraction of form and details, factors important to the notable character of his later work. The associated gardens are an integral part of the original conception of the site by the Macgeorges and their architect. Vestiges of the original formal garden adjacent the house and of the bush garden along the river make an important contribution to the appreciation of the site and of the tastes of the Macgeorges.

The Macgeorge house is of historical significance for its associations with the Macgeorges and, through them, with a larger circle of artists, art patrons and art critics in Heidelberg and Melbourne from 1910 through to 1970. Following the bequest to the University of Melbourne by the Macgeorges, the association with the arts community as accommodation for artists in residence from the University of Melbourne.

## Permit Exemptions

### General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

Places of worship: In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must [notify](#) the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

Subdivision/consolidation: Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

### Specific Exemptions:

General Conditions: 1. All exempted alterations are to be planned and carried out in a manner which prevents

damage to the fabric of the registered place or object. General Conditions: 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. General Conditions: 3. If there is a conservation policy and plan approved by the Executive Director, all works shall be in accordance with it. General Conditions: 4. Nothing in this declaration prevents the Executive Director from amending or rescinding all or any of the permit exemptions. General Conditions: 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.

#### Landscape:

- \* Completion of the formal garden around the house according to the 28 April 1911 plan
- \* Continuation of indigenous planting and weed removal in the informal areas of the garden and along the river and creek banks
- \* Installation, removal or replacement of garden watering systems
- \* The process of gardening, mowing, removal of dead plants, disease and weed control, emergency and safety works.
- \* The replanting of plant species to conserve the landscape character.
- \* Management of trees in accordance with Australian Standard; Pruning of amenity trees AS 4373.
- \* Repairs, conservation and maintenance to hard landscape elements, asphalt and gravel paths and roadways, stone and concrete edging, fences and gates.

#### House Exterior:

- \* Repainting of previously painted surfaces in the same or original colours

#### House Interior:

- \* Refitting of previously refitted parts of the two kitchen areas and laundry
- \* Painting of previously painted walls and ceilings in the same or original colours
- \* Removal of paint from originally unpainted or oiled joinery, doors, architraves, skirtings
- \* Replacement of flexible floor coverings in kitchens and bathrooms
- \* Replacement of curtain track, rods, blinds and other window dressings
- \* Installation, removal or replacement of hooks, nails and other devices for the hanging of mirrors, paintings and other wall mounted artworks.
- \* Removal, installation or replacement of sanitary fixtures and associated piping.
- \* Installation, removal or replacement of electrical wiring provided that all new wiring is fully concealed and any original light switches, pull cords, push buttons or power outlets are retained in-situ.
- \* Installation, removal or replacement of insulation in the roof space.
- \* Installation, removal or replacement of smoke detectors

Construction dates	1911,
Architect/Designer	Annear, Harold Desbrowe,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	Fairy Hills,
Hermes Number	12418
Property Number	

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## Extent of Registration

1. The house and shed shown as B1 and B2 on diagram 2004 held by the Executive Director
2. The land being all of the land described in Certificate of Title Volume 3465 Folio 956 shown as L1 on Diagram 2004 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 source.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*