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# 15a Balwyn Road



Balwyn Road Residential  
Heritage Study Review 2006

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## Location

15a Balwyn Road CANTERBURY, Boroondara City

## Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO264

## Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

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## Statement of Significance

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Significance of Individual Property

One of several Interwar Period buildings, which represent the third major period of development in the precinct. The clinker brick church is a fine, intact example of the work of noted church architect, Louis Williams.

HO264 Balwyn Road Residential Precinct, Canterbury

Reference - *Balwyn Road Residential Precinct, Canterbury: Stage 2 Heritage Precinct Review* (August 2006)

The Balwyn Road Residential Precinct is of historic significance because the pattern of development reflects that of Boroondara generally. In much of Boroondara one or two periods might be represented in any one precinct, however in the Balwyn Road Residential Precinct all periods are nearly equally represented. As such, the precinct is a microcosm of the broad sweep of development across the City. The relative consistency in the allotment width and/or size across the different phases of development serves to unify the precinct.

There are historical associations with several eminent families (Danks, Goldings, Marfleets, McAlpins, etc). Of further interest is the profile that some residents have had at a broader level (either State, national or international) and the manifold connections between various residents within the precinct and the City of Boroondara.

The Balwyn Road Residential Precinct is of aesthetic significance for the many high quality buildings, some of which are of individual significance at the broader level, and others that are generally good examples of their architectural style. The buildings are remarkably intact to their period of construction and have been well maintained. There has been limited change of building stock. A high proportion of the buildings have been architect designed. Although there are a range of styles evident, there is a consistency in scale and setbacks.

The extensive and well maintained landscaping both to the street (with trees and wide reservations) and the private gardens provides a level of cohesion. One of the gardens (no. 17) is a rare example of a late nineteenth century intact suburban garden. In addition, some of the early road and paving infrastructure is intact.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Boroondara - Balwyn Road Residential Heritage Study Review, RBA Architects & Conservation Consultants, 2006; Boroondara - Camberwell Conservation Study, Graeme Butler, 1991;
Other Names	Uniting Church, Canterbury,
Hermes Number	14492
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## Physical Description 1

This Interwar Period church has been designed in the Gothic Style but in a less ornate manner than would have been typical of earlier examples. The walls are of clinker brick with bands of grilles in the brickwork to the gable ends. The steeply pitched roof is clad in glazed tiles and has exposed rafters.

The corner tower has a parapet with crenellations and a hip roof surmounted by a weather vane. There is a rose window to the west elevation. The openings are generally pointed arches including windows, doorways and louvered screens to the tower. Many of the arched openings have brick string course mouldings but some of the larger windows to the south side have concrete lintels.

The organ retains its 1929 tonal scheme, attractive oak case and detached draw knob console.[1]

[1] National Trust Citation, B6217

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