

## HOUSE AT 29 Edwin Road



22573 House - 29 Edwin Road, Templestowe



22573 Former Dairy - 29 Edwin Road, Templestowe



Barn east facade - 29 Edwin Road, Templestowe



Former dairy - 29 Edwin Road, Templestowe



Barn and former dairy north elevation - 29 Edwin Road, Templestowe



Barn west elevation - 29 Edwin Road, Templestowe



Milking shed floor and west wall - 29 Edwin Road, Templestowe



Barn and milking shed (Thomsom Family photograph, c1948) - 29 Edwin Road, Templestowe



Barn, milking shed and dairy (Thomsom Family photograph, c1948) - 29 Edwin Road, Templestowe



Barn east elevation (Thomsom Family photograph, c1985) - 29 Edwin Road, Templestowe



Milking yard wall east side - 29 Edwin Road, Templestowe



Milking yard wall west side - 29 Edwin Road, Templestowe

## Location

29 Edwin Road TEMPLESTOWE, Manningham City

## Municipality

MANNINGHAM CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO216

## Heritage Listing

Manningham City

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

THE BARN 29 Edwin Rd. Templestowe.

REVISED CITATION Willys Keeble, September 2015

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Revised Statement of Significance, Willys Keeble, 2015

What is significant?

The Barn, a mud-brick, timber and building, and the former dairy outbuilding at 29 Edwin Road, Templestowe were constructed about 1948 by highly notable anthropologist Dr. Donald Thomson on his 70 acre dairy farm. The two-storey building had two low skillions, one a mud-brick milking shed and the other built with mudstone quarried on site. The dairy is of Warrandyte sandstone with a slate roof. The stonemason was Tony Zearo. The Barn has a steep slate roof with dormer windows and decorative bargeboards. The eastern timber gable end has an extraordinary Gothic opening formed by a wishbone-shaped Red Gum branch. The Barn, partially incomplete and without window and door joinery, was finished and adapted internally to become a house in 1986 by Thomson's widow Dorita. The milking shed was removed from the north side of the barn but its concrete floor, west wall and the stone walled milking yard and cow race remain. The dairy outbuilding is now a studio-bedroom. The noted architect Kevin Borland and his partner Bernard Brown prepared plans for the building permit. Their design for the independently supported roof structure and clerestory glazing over the mudstone skillion on the south was adopted, but the majority of the design work was carried out by Dorita Thomson and her daughters.

How is it significant?

The Barn, former dairy complex and its entire site at 29 Edwin Road, Templestowe has local historic and aesthetic significance to Manningham City.

Why is it significant?

The former dairy buildings at 29 Edwin Road, Templestowe have historic significance for their association with Dr. Donald Thomson who designed and built them for his dairy farm, a business which provided financial support for his extensive travels and research in the field of anthropology. They are rare surviving evidence of farming activities in a now extensively developed suburban area. They evoke the post-war period of building materials shortage which necessitated the use of locally available materials and owner-building. (Hercon criteria A.4, B.2, H.1)

The Barn, former dairy outbuilding and milking yard at 29 Edwin Road, Templestowe have aesthetic significance as an unusual and most picturesque design, constructed using mud-brick, slate and recycled timbers in a manner characteristic of the buildings at Montsalvat, Eltham. The stonework is of exceptional quality. (Hercon criterion E.1)

(Original Statement of Significance, Context Pty. Ltd., 2005)

Heritage Study/Consultant Manningham - Manningham Heritage Study Review, Context Pty Ltd, 2006;

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## Historical Australian Themes

Local Themes

5.01 - Squatters, selectors & small farmer

8.02 - Architects

## Physical Description 1

This is a romantic gable-roofed house constructed using mudbrick and recycled elements in a manner which recalls the buildings at Montsalvat, Eltham. The roof is clad in slate and punctuated by a row of dormer windows on each side. Extending along the front elevation is a skillion wing with random rubble walls of local stone. Originally constructed for dairying purposes, the building was adapted for use as a house in 1986. Adjacent to the house is a small former dairy which has random rubble local stone walls with small, multi-paned windows and a gabled slate roof. The property also includes walls of recycled bricks.

Stylistically, there are few direct comparisons within the study area. The picturesque buildings at Montsalvat are perhaps comparable, as are some of the stone buildings around Warrandyte.

## Physical Conditions

Condition Good

## Integrity

Integrity Altered

## Physical Description 2

Key elements

Buildings

Outbuilding

### **Physical Description 3**

Associations

Dr Donald & Dorita Thompson

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