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## GARDEN AT 131 High Street



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### Location

131 High Street DONCASTER, Manningham City

### Municipality

MANNINGHAM CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO82

### Heritage Listing

Manningham City

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## Statement of Significance

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The Parterre style box hedges in the front garden and to the north of the house are of state significance. The path layout is also of state significant for its connection with von Mueller, and the pergola is of local significance.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Manningham - Heritage Garden & Significant Tree Study - Stage 2, John Patrick Pty Ltd, 2006;
Other Names	formerly Kehrerweider,
Hermes Number	22895
Property Number	

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## Physical Conditions

**Name of Property:** Originally "Kehrerweider " - not now used

**Location:** 131 High Street, Doncaster

**Owner:** Georgette Mahoney

History:

**Original owner:** Frederick Winter

**House - Designed By:** Frederick Winter

**Built by:** Unknown

**Date:** Original house in 1896

**Additions (date)**Back of house addition in 1960s or 70s.

**Garden - Designed By:** Frederick Winter and Baron Ferdinand von Mueller

**Built by:** Unknown

**Date:** c. 1875

**Additions (date, designer & type):** Unknown

**Notes** - The house was originally attached to the Winter's Orchard, and was owned by the family for 80 years. The existing path and hedge layout is thought to have been designed by Baron Ferdinand von Mueller, director of the Melbourne Botanical Gardens, with the current Box hedges thought to be original. The front garden is a Parterre comprising of Dutch Box (*Buxus sempervirens* 'Suffruticosa') hedges c.1m tall with small sections of dieback. The hedges continue around the northern side of the house, with the previous owners also planting English Box (*Buxus sempervirens*) at the front gate to meet the front fence, which was previously a Cypress hedge. It would appear that the original Parterre pattern would have continued further, but was removed when the property was subdivided.

Garden Style:

Geometric

Other

**Other:** Parterre with Dutch Box (*Buxus sempervirens* 'Suffruticosa') hedges.

Category of Significance:

Significant role in pattern of history

Aesthetic value

Associated with (or designed by) historical figure

**Level of Significance:** State

Main Elements:

Trees

Paving

Hedges

**Other:** Dutch box hedges with brick paths, paving and garden edging.

Features:

Pergola

Other

**Other:** Parterre garden

**Garden Plantings:** The Dutch Box hedges (*Buxus sempervirens* 'Suffruticosa') appear to be the only original garden plantings, with the balance of the front and rear gardens consisting of new plantings. The one exception to this is an original Fig (*Ficus carica*) which has been included in this study as a significant tree.

Condition & Integrity:

Excellent

Intact

**Notes:** The original Box hedges are still in tact, however the balance of the front and rear garden is new. The path layout is thought to be that originally designed by von Mueller, however the path surfaces (brick) may not be original. The front fence was originally a cypress hedge, which has been removed and replaced with timber palings. The pergola, while possibly not dating from the original garden layout is sympathetic to the garden, and still of considerable age. With the exception of the *Ficus carica* none of the back garden is original or significant. Excluding the box hedges, none of the plantings in the front yard are significant.

Maintenance Practices/Requirements:

The box hedges should be clipped at least every twelve months, preferably more frequently. Any new plantings should be sympathetic to the era of the garden and its historical context.

Existing

Overlay Controls:

Heritage Overlay (HO82), Vegetation Protection Overlay (VPO3)

**Significant Elements:** The Parterre style box hedges in the front garden and to the north of the house are of state significance. The path layout is also of state significant for its connection with von Mueller, and the pergola is of local significance.

**Recorded by:** Susan Tallon/Andrea Proctor

**Date:** 3-10-02/11-3-05

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