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# SUNSET GUEST HOUSE, GARDEN



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Garden

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## Location

65 Beenak East Road GEMBROOK, Cardinia Shire

## Municipality

CARDINIA SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO22

## Heritage Listing

Cardinia Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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Sunset Guest House, which was built in 1920 for Margaret Laidlaw and occupied by James P. Cochrane, is significant to Cardinia Shire as a well-preserved example of a guest house, highlighting the special role played by the northern towns in the tourist trade of the shire. The building is significant for its associations with Mrs Laidlaw, who owned the property over a long period and was still advertising the guest house in the Railways Department tourist guides of the 1940s.

## Regional Significance

Heritage Study/Consultant	Cardinia - Cardinia Shire Heritage Study 1996, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1996;
Construction dates	1920,
Other Names	65 Beenak East Road, Gembrook,
Hermes Number	30133
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

This is a hipped roof and verandahed Edwardian or Bungalow-era timber house set in extensive exotic gardens (much of it recently developed) below the Beenak East Road. It was reputedly the Sunset Guest House. Mature trees include cypress (row on frontage, now depleted), oak and loquat.

## Physical Conditions

The house is externally near original

## Historical Australian Themes

Historical Themes

7.2 Popular holiday resorts. Guest house era and later

10.8 Guest houses, gardens

## Physical Description 2

Associations - Laidlaw, Mrs. M

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