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## Location

47 Studley Road IVANHOE, Banyule City

## Municipality

BANYULE CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO116

## Heritage Listing

Banyule City

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## Statement of Significance

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The Bent Tree is of local historical and aesthetic significance. The house is a largely intact example of the Queen Anne attic style, constructed for local photographer George James who published a number of views of Ivanhoe in the 1920s. Remnants of important garden features remain.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Banyule - Banyule Heritage Study, Allum Lovell & Associates, 1999; Banyule - Heidelberg Conservation Study, Graeme Butler and Associates, 1985;
Construction dates	1909,
Hermes Number	31434
Property Number	

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## Historical Australian Themes

Ivanhoe and Heidelberg experienced rapid expansion after the extension of the railway in 1901. The Bent Tree is one of the many early 20th century buildings erected in the area.

## Usage/Former Usage

Original use: Residence

Current use: Residence

## Physical Conditions

Good

## Physical Description 1

**BUILDINGS:** The Bent Tree, named after the old gum tree which once stood in its grounds, is an asymmetrical Queen Anne attic style residence constructed of red brick with hipped and gabled Marseilles patterned tiled roofs. The house possesses typical features of the style, such as a half timbered and roughcast gable ends, a shingled attic balcony, now enclosed, leadlighted casement windows, a timber fretted verandah and red brick chimney stacks surmounted by terracotta pots.

Renovations are evident internally, such as leadlighted glass doors and lights dating from the 1920s. However, some notable plaster ceiling panels and cornice friezes have survived, depicting native and exotic flora.

**LANDSCAPE:** Remnants of the Metropolitan Garden Competition entry of 1933 (T.A. McKay) are visible in the form of basalt dry-jointed rockeries at the rear and side, whilst the terraced lawns at the front are also common. McKay's beds of salvias and flox are gone - as is the old bent tree which formerly existed at the frontage. A masonry garden wall and wrought iron gate from the 1930s survives, extending across the adjoining property which was once part of the grounds.

## Intactness

Good

## Physical Description 2

Lots 33-35 Resubdivision of Chelsworth Estate No 2

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