
Yarra Yarra Golf Clubhouse and surrounds, 567 Warrigal Road



567 Warrigal Rd Bentleigh,
August 2000

Location

567 Warrigal Road BENTLEIGH EAST, Glen Eira City

Municipality

GLEN EIRA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO145

Heritage Listing

Glen Eira City

Statement of Significance

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The Yarra Yarra Golf Club House was built in 1928 to the design of Melbourne architects Plottel, Bunnet and Alsop following A.G. Alsop's tour of golf clubhouses in America. It is aesthetically significant.

It is aesthetically significant (Criterion E) as an example of an Inter War period golf clubhouse and mature expression of the American West Coast Mission style designed and built at a time when buildings of the type and

style were the height of fashion in California and presumably elsewhere along the American West Coast. The choice of style is of note also for its relationship with the architectural character of much of the domestic architecture erected in the Municipality late in the 1920s when the so-called Spanish-American influence was emerging as a dominant fashion stemmed only by the onset of the Depression. Important surviving stylistic elements include the entry treatment with portico, vestibules and tower, the tiled roof with chimneys, arched windows and remnant railings and the substantially intact interior spaces including the upper and lower level vestibules, staircase and dining room. The exterior has been heavily defaced, in the first instance by the removal of the north wing loggia and in the second by the removal of the balustrades and stuccoed facings.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Glen Eira - City of Glen Eira Heritage Management Plan, Andrew Ward, Architectural Historian, 1996;
Other Names	Yarra Yarra Golf Clubhouse,
Hermes Number	42506
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Physical Description 1

An imposing two storeyed American West Coast Mission style Golf Club building with dominant central vestibule with portico and engaged tower flanked by long gable ended wings, formerly with arcaded treatment to the facade. The formerly stuccoed walls have been stripped to reveal the variegated bricks beneath but the cement surface remains on the portico which has Corinthian capitals to the pilasters and a surmounting terrace accessed by double doors beneath a stuccoed arch off the upper level vestibule. The roof tiles are of the Cordovan pattern and the eaves characteristically minimal. The two staged tower recalls the form of a campanile and has a shallow pyramidal roof, corner pilasters with tiled caps and quatrefoil vents with stuccoed margins. The form of the main roof is punctuated by chimneys with Cordovan tiled caps in the manner of the Mission style but the balance of the facadee has been substantially altered. The original upper level loggia to the east of the entry has been built in and defaced and the timber railings reconstructed in metal. To the west, the arcaded form of the windows has survived but the railings have also been partly reconstructed in metal. There are subordinate extensions to the east and north and some of the original arched windows have survived also on this side.

Inside, the original sections retain their textured plaster walls, adze finished timber beams and exposed trusses or coffered ceiling treatments. The doors have ornamental hardware and are panelled and varnished in the Mission style. There are also decorative wrought iron curtain rods to the windows. The dining room is dominated by massive timber trusses with chandeliers also highly characteristic of the Mission style and there is a balconette for musicians at one end with a surmounting archway in the Spanish mode. The fireplaces are generally contributory elements, the dining room having a large tapered breast carried on cabled columns also demonstrating the influence of the West Coast Mission style.

Physical Description 2

Condition: sound

Physical Description 3

Integrity: medium

Historical Australian Themes

Community Recreation: Golf

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