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## Location

off Golf Club House Yarra Bend Road, YARRA BEND, City of Yarra

## Municipality

YARRA CITY

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO304

## Heritage Listing

Yarra City

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - August 7, 2006

The following wording is from the Allom and Lovell Building Citation, 1998 for the property. Please note that this is a "Building Citation", not a "Statement of Significance". For further information refer to the Building Citation held by the City of Yarra.

History:

From 1848 onwards the Metropolitan Lunatic Asylum began to spread from the hillside, overlooking the bend in the Yarra, to the banks of the river. Small cottage accommodation was supplemented by larger hospital buildings, administration blocks and a cemetery on the river bank. By 1926 the asylum was emptied and most of the cottages demolished by Whelan the Wrecker. After some indecision as to the fate of the 315 acres remaining, it became a public park under a management committee of Heidelberg Shire Councillors and Government nominees. By 1933 the Heidelberg-Kew Lands Act was proclaimed, adding 272 acres of land on the south side of the river, to the previous 315 acres (94.5 metres).

On the Heidelberg Shire portion an 18 hole golf course was laid out and with it, a clubhouse was provided. The Public Works Department Chief Architect, Percy Everett, supervised the design of the clubhouse; the clubhouse opened in May 1936 in front of 1000 people.

#### Description:

The Yarra Bend Golf Club House is a single and double-storey building designed in a rustic American bungalow style. The building is constructed of clinker brick, rubble stone and logs from trees felled from the site of the present carpark.<sup>2</sup> The main single-storey wing has a broad gabled roof clad in Cordova pattern terracotta tiles, hinting at the popular American inspired Spanish Mission style. The projecting entrance porch also has a broad gabled roof, with heavy rubble stone piers. The building has groups of double-hung sash windows, with multi-paned upper sashes. A double-storey section intersects the main wing at the north end, and has a wide rubble stone chimney penetrating the gable end, bearing the name of the building in raised metal lettering.

Fine, clipped hedges separate the carpark and practice green from the building.

#### Significance:

The Yarra Bend Golf Club House, Yarra Bend, is of local architectural significance. The building is a distinctive example of the American-inspired bungalow style, designed by Public Works Chief Architect, Percy Everett. Notable elements include the rubble stone piers, chimney and Cordova tiled gabled roofs. The building is enhanced by its landscaped setting.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Yarra - Northcote Urban Conservation Study, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1982; Yarra - City of Yarra Heritage Review, Allom Lovell & Associates, 1998; Yarra - City of Yarra Review of Heritage Overlay Areas, Graeme Butler & Associates, 2007;
Construction dates	1936,
Hermes Number	102923
Property Number	

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## Integrity

not assessed

*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*