
Moorakyne



Moorakyne, 69-71 Mount Street



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Eaglemont - hedging.jpg



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Location

69-71 Mount Street EAGLEMONT, BANYULE CITY

Municipality

BANYULE CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO132

Heritage Listing

Banyule City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Federation style house built c. 1901 at 69 -71 Mount Street, known as 'Moorakyne', is significant. The garden, boundary fencing and outbuildings contribute to the setting of the house but are not significant. The hedge to Mount Street is significant as a streetscape element.

How is it significant?

Moorakyne is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Banyule.

Why is it significant?

Moorakyne built in 1901 represents the first development of the Eaglemont Estate subdivided in the 1890s by Edmund T. Smith and the Eaglemont Estate Company. Together with neighbouring properties at 61-63 and 65-67 Mount Street it illustrates the Estate in its initial development (Criterion A). It is also of local interest for its association with the Ormerod family.

Moorakyne is significant as a reasonably intact and representative example of the Federation style in the City of Banyule. The house shares similar construction dates and some stylistic elements with other nearby houses, for example Royd (61-63 Mount Street) and Eothen (65-67 Mount Street) and contributes to the predominant early 20th century character of Mount Street (Criterion D).

Moorakyne is of significance for its retention of the large allotment and in its provision of an appropriate setting for the house. The garden provides a complementary setting to the house however its integrity has been reduced by subsequent changes including the tennis court. The hedging of mixed plants along Mount Street provides a good streetscape setting. (Criterion D)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Banyule - Banyule Heritage Review, Context P/L, 2009; Banyule - Heidelberg Conservation Study, Graeme Butler and Associates, 1985; Banyule - Banyule Heritage Study, Allum Lovell & Associates, 1999;
Hermes Number	123994
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Moorakyne is located on a large corner allotment and comprises a Federation style house and outbuildings set in an established garden. The boundaries of the site have a long masonry wall of recent construction along Castle Street, and a hedge of mixed species along Mount Street. A tennis court has been placed in the front garden and this is bounded to the south by a conifer hedge. The outbuildings have undergone a number of alterations. The garden contains a number of fan palms, which give the large garden most of its scale.

Moorakyne is Federation in style, with Marseilles-pattern tiles, face-red brick to lower walls, rough cast stucco to the upper levels and half timbering in the many gables. A slatted verandah frieze and turned timber posts were early expressions of the style. Subsequently, a timber section on the west has been replaced using similar roof and wall materials to create a sympathetic, albeit differently styled addition. The fence and the colour scheme to the timber trim have also been added, the verandah floors rebuilt, and the chimneys altered (Butler 1985). An extension to the north has been constructed in sympathetic style. The picturesque quality of the house is provided by the roof form with the gable ends decorated with rough cast stucco and timber strapping.

Mount Street best exhibits the qualities of this part of Eaglemont through its split level street with median planting, early 20th century houses and gardens. Moorakyne is an important element of Mount Street as it retains its large allotment and relates architecturally to the neighbouring properties, however the garden appears to be less intact than when previously surveyed in 1999.

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