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# Heidelberg Golf Clubhouse



8 Main Road, Heidelberg Golf Clubhouse



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## Location

8 Main Road LOWER PLENTY, BANYULE CITY

## Municipality

BANYULE CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO179

## Heritage Listing

Banyule City

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## Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Italianate house built in 1887, formerly known as Bryn Teg or Preston Hall, and now the clubhouse for the Heidelberg Golf Club at 8 Main Road, Lower Plenty is significant.

How is it significant?

The building is of historic, architectural, aesthetic and social significance to the City of Banyule.

Why is it significant?

The building at 8 Main Road is of historic significance for its early construction date in the area, and its association with the farming history of Lower Plenty (Criterion A). Significance can also be attributed to its having hosted Australian Prime Minister Stanley Bruce at an event to celebrate the opening of Heidelberg Golf Course in 1928 (Criterion H).

The Club House is of aesthetic significance as an example of the under represented Victorian Italianate style in Banyule (particularly in the northern part of the municipality). The alterations to the building and its conversion from a home to a club house, by the notable architect, Harry Norris, reflected the building's new role, as well as the changing needs of the local community. (Criterion A)

Norris' involvement with this project is an indication of his versatility as an architect (many of his other projects involved the design of large scale commercial buildings) and also, perhaps, his love of golf- he was a member of the Peninsula Golf Club, the Victoria Golf Club and the Kew Golf Club. (Criteria F & H)

While the building has been extensively altered and extended, it is also of social and historic significance for its continued use as a Club House by the Heidelberg Golf Club since the late 1920s. As a clubhouse, it has played an important part in the social lives of local golfers for over 80 years. (Criteria G & H)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Banyule - Banyule Heritage Review, Context P/L, 2009; Banyule - Banyule Heritage Study, Allum Lovell & Associates, 1999;
Architect/Designer	Norris, Harry A,
Hermes Number	124131
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

The Victorian Italianate house at 8 Main Road (now the clubhouse for the Heidelberg Golf Club) has been altered yet retains some original features. There few other buildings of this age and style in the Lower Plenty area.

The building is of single storey construction with a tiled roof, stucco exterior and timber detailing. Notable features include an arched entry way leading into a porch area, which supports a balustrade above. Either side of the porch a verandah with skillion roof on timber posts extends around the building. Two half timbered gables with timber finials sit at a diagonal to the left of the balustrade, and are set in a tier one above the other on the building and verandah roof.

The surroundings of the clubhouse include a bowling green built immediately in front, and a car park adjacent. These alterations have changed the context from a semi-rural place to a semi-urban one.

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