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# 15 Balwyn Road



Balwyn Road Residential  
Heritage Study Review 2006

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## Location

15 Balwyn Road CANTERBURY, Boroondara City

## Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO264

## Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

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## Statement of Significance

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Significance of Individual Property

One of several (originally) modest, late Victorian era houses which represent the first major period of development in the precinct. The house is mostly intact externally, is one of the few timber buildings in the precinct, and is distinguished by the cast iron detailing of the verandah.

HO264 Balwyn Road Residential Precinct, Canterbury

Reference - *Balwyn Road Residential Precinct, Canterbury: Stage 2 Heritage Precinct Review* (August 2006)

The Balwyn Road Residential Precinct is of historic significance because the pattern of development reflects that of Boroondara generally. In much of Boroondara one or two periods might be represented in any one precinct, however in the Balwyn Road Residential Precinct all periods are nearly equally represented. As such, the precinct is a microcosm of the broad sweep of development across the City. The relative consistency in the allotment width and/or size across the different phases of development serves to unify the precinct.

There are historical associations with several eminent families (Danks, Goldings, Marfleets, McAlpins, etc). Of further interest is the profile that some residents have had at a broader level (either State, national or international) and the manifold connections between various residents within the precinct and the City of Boroondara.

The Balwyn Road Residential Precinct is of aesthetic significance for the many high quality buildings, some of which are of individual significance at the broader level, and others that are generally good examples of their architectural style. The buildings are remarkably intact to their period of construction and have been well maintained. There has been limited change of building stock. A high proportion of the buildings have been architect designed. Although there are a range of styles evident, there is a consistency in scale and setbacks.

The extensive and well maintained landscaping both to the street (with trees and wide reservations) and the private gardens provides a level of cohesion. One of the gardens (no. 17) is a rare example of a late nineteenth century intact suburban garden. In addition, some of the early road and paving infrastructure is intact.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Boroondara - Balwyn Road Residential Heritage Study Review, RBA Architects & Conservation Consultants, 2006; Boroondara - Camberwell Conservation Study, Graeme Butler, 1991;
Other Names	Talma,
Hermes Number	14491
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## Physical Description 1

This block fronted, single storey, Victorian era weatherboard house has a hip roof of corrugated sheet metal cladding. The rendered chimneys have ornamented capping. There are paired decorative timber brackets to the eaves.

The verandah extends across the front of the house and is supported on cast iron columns. The cast iron frieze with a Rose, Thistle and Crown pattern was manufactured at the former C Monteath & Sons foundry in Moray Street North, South Melbourne.[1]

The front fence is timber picket.

[1] R Da Costa-Adams, 'Notes of Balwyn Road, Canterbury Heritage Precinct'. The design was reportedly produced to commemorate Queen Victoria's Jubilee, presumably her golden jubilee of 1887.

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