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## Silvern Birches



13-23 Hull Rd



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### Location

13-23 Hull Road CROYDON, MAROONDAH CITY

### Municipality

MAROONDAH CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO86

### Heritage Listing

Maroondah City

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### Statement of Significance

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Silver Birches is a wilfully eclectic and Romantic double-storey asymmetrical brick house designed by important domestic architects Blackett & Forster and built in 1930. The flat-roofed porch is characteristic of the architects' work. It is historically significant to the Melbourne region as an extraordinary embodiment of a privileged way of life and social values, in a rural context. It is architecturally significant as a sophisticated example of the architects' work and of a Romantic and eclectic domestic style, little recognised and studied by scholars, which is particularly intact and in good condition.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Maroondah - Maroondah Heritage Identification Study, Richard Peterson with Peter Barrett, 1998;
Hermes Number	147033
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## Physical Description 1

A wilfully eclectic, Romantic double-storey asymmetrical rendered brick house, with a gabled roof, in a most sophisticated design. It has three bays facing Worrall Street. Roofs are clad with unglazed terra-cotta Marseilles tiles. The central bay projects slightly with a slot vent in the gable. This bay is itself three sections: a Romanesque porch recessed at left, surrounded by a double band of stepped header bricks (now painted). It is paved with basket-weave clinker bricks. A soldier-course surrounds the door, which is Medieval, with mock wrought 'iron' hinges and a quartered Perpendicular Gothic window. At right (oddly) is a Jazz Moderne rectangular chimney, with slot decoration. A wing projects at rear, with mock parapet gabled dormers. The right bay has a shingled upper gable, with a slot vent, jettied on double-coved brackets. The three first floor windows reduce to two at ground floor, which projects slightly to allow for the chimney breast between. Other chimneys are plain rectangular, with high terra-cotta pots. Windows generally are Georgian, of various configurations. Facing right is a solarium, with a parapeted flat roof. The rear wing extends in a timber, single-storey hip.

## Intactness

Good, but some brickwork is painted over.

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