
62 Riversdale Road

Location

62 Riversdale Road HAWTHORN, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO112

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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Burnside house at 62 Riversdale Road, and garden are significant to the City of Boroondara and the Melbourne metropolitan area as:

- The home of an important Australian, barrister F Maxwell Bradshaw, built, owned and occupied by his family from 1909 for 90 years;
- An externally intact and impressive example of a Federation Bungalow, designed by the noted architect Christopher Cowper's work;
- A garden with trees and shrubs dating from the construction date of the house, providing a period landscape setting.

Other Names	Burnside, Shierlaw house,
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Physical Description 1

This is a large red brick Federation Bungalow style house, in the Anglo-Indian manner, with slate roofs, terra-cotta ridging, and an encircling verandah supported on coupled classical columns -a motif used by the designer, Cowper, in other Hawthorn designs. The main hip roof serves as a backdrop for multiple half-timbered gabled roof bays and an attic or sleep-out balcony with a shingled balustrade. Detailed composition includes the ribbed red brick chimney shaft which bisects one west facing gable along with other shafts, complete with splayed cemented tops and terra-cotta pots, rising more traditionally out of the roof elsewhere.

The design addresses both frontages with gabled room and verandah bays, with ornate curved timber brackets to the eaves of one projecting gable. A hipped room wing at the south-east corner of the house has been altered.

The interior has not been inspected.

There is a Norfolk Island pine on the north and two oaks near the north-west corner of the block which may date from the house construction. The large garden area on the east has a number of mature shrubs and trees, including a silky oak, which may also date from early in the 19th century, providing a period landscape setting for the house. East of this block is the remains of a stone brick and iron palisade fence which once fronte the adjoining mansion (now flats). A recently built empathetically styled timber and metal fence surrounds the house yard frontage and the garden lot is fronted with a chain wire fence.

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