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# Dunalister Park

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## Location

36 Mulawa Street CROYDON, MAROONDAH CITY

## Municipality

MAROONDAH CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO116

## Heritage Listing

Maroondah City

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## Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

'Dunalister Park', 36 Mulawa St, Croydon, is a 3.6 acre European hillside garden established by Mary and Alan Coffey with Edna Walling's advice. Recently subdivided, the site retains many mature, mainly exotic trees and shrubs reflecting plantings favoured by Walling. The common drive has stone pillars with flanking walls. Along the drive there are significant public views of the open garden landscape across the mostly unfenced front gardens, with massed low plantings separating lawn areas containing specimen trees.

Lot 2 has sweeping views of the Dandenongs and contains an early house, greatly altered by Alan Coffey, although the original entrance terrace and elevated verandah remain. Notable garden elements include: a lawn terrace with a low curved stone wall and steps to an informal path bordered by mature Camellias, Rhododendrons and Azaleas; stone walls and steps east of the house, mature trees north of the house including a large Purple Beech; the western garden with informal paths running along the contours, Agapanthus borders, large Locust (Robinia) trees, and garden beds with old roses and bulbs.

Elements of little or no significance are the steel picket driveway entrance gates, new houses and associated works on Lots 1 and Lots 3-7, and in Lot 2, the concrete and blockwork retaining walls, paving and steps immediately adjacent the house, metal railings and fences, flat-roofed carport, swimming pool and associated cut-and-fill landscaping.

How is it significant ?

The 'Dunalister Park' garden landscape, lots 1-7, 36 Mulawa St., Croydon, is significant at a Local level to the City of Maroondah.

Why is it significant?

'Dunalister Park', lots 1-7, 36 Mulawa St. Croydon, is aesthetically significant as an open ornamental garden landscape with a diverse range of mature trees dominating the steep terrain, and for the sweeping views and remnant Edna Walling garden layout on Lot 2. Edna Walling was one of Australia's most influential and important garden designers of the 20th. century. The house on Lot 2 is historically significant for its associations with early 20th century orcharding in Croydon and from the 1940's, as evidence of Alan Coffey's aspirational family life in this desirable, elevated, and secluded location.

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