
16 Victoria Avenue Canterbury

Location

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Municipality

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Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO614

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

'Coryule', at 16 Victoria Avenue, Canterbury, of 1890 is significant. It is a single-storey double-fronted Victorian villa with a symmetrical facade constructed of polychrome brick. The M-hip roof retains original slates with a diaper pattern and eaves brackets. A pedimented verandah stretches across the front with heavy cast-iron and an ogee roof. 'Coryule' was designed in 1889 by architect John Beswicke, then of Beswicke & Hutchins, for the owners and developers of the Great Railway Station Estate, which encompassed Victoria and Harcourt avenues as well as View Street. It was one of at least three show homes designed by Beswicke that were then sold off to private owners.

The 1992 extension and the current front picket fence are not significant.

How is it significant?

'Coryule' is of local aesthetic and architectural significance to the City of Boroondara.

Why is it significant?

'Coryule' is aesthetically significant an elegant and highly ornamented example of the Victorian double-fronted house form. It is distinguished by its finely modelled polychrome brickwork both to the facade and side elevations, bold eaves brackets, pedimented verandah form with its ogee roof and pierced end-boards, barley-twist paired columns and uncommon cast-iron pattern (a rinceau pattern featuring female faces), as well as the skilful coordination of applied ornament demonstrated by the recurrent bull's-eye motif (to the brackets, door surround and columns). (Criterion E)

'Coryule' is of architectural and historical significance as an accomplished and intact design by architect John Beswicke. He was a major architect in 19th-century Melbourne, working in a series of partnerships. A large number of his fine villa residences and mansions were constructed in the city of Boroondara, with a notable concentration on Harcourt Street, Hawthorn. He was also the designer of Hawthorn Town Hall, as well as many other town halls in the metropolitan area. (Criterion H)

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Property Number

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