
House

Location

9 Donald Street ASHBURTON, BOROONDARA CITY

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO920

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Hermes Number 208927

Property Number

Physical Description 1

The house at 9 Donald Street is a double-fronted, timber-framed house on a suburban block, set behind a medium-sized front garden without a front fence. It stands on the north-west side of Donald Street, a short street which slopes gently down toward Gardiners Creek.

Built at the cusp of the transition from Edwardian to interwar architectural forms, the house is mostly in keeping with Edwardian forms and details but the proportions suggest the transition to bungalow forms.

Walls are clad in chamfered weatherboards below window sill level, with roughcast render above – a combination popular during both periods, but with proportions typical of the early interwar era. The roof form is a gabled hip continuing over the front porch with a projecting front gable – massing which is highly characteristic of the Edwardian period.

Other details are also in keeping with Edwardian houses, including the decorative timber trusswork and ladder-back eaves brackets in the front gable, turned timber posts and timber fretwork with pierced ornament to the front verandah, and casement windows with Arts & Crafts style leadlight highlights. There is a side entry porch that has the same verandah fretwork and ladder-back eaves brackets seen on the front of the house.

Roughcast rendered chimneys have a slender square shaft and flat concrete cap, characteristic of the early interwar period, as well as terracotta pots. The front door is high-waisted with a square panel of leadlight glazing at the top and two slender panels below, with proportions characteristic of the interwar period. The width of the front gable, in relation to the house, is also far more characteristic of early bungalows than it is of Edwardian villas.

While it demonstrates a transition between two periods of architecture, the house is designed as a successful and seamless whole. This is enhanced by its very high level of external intactness. The only changes noted are a new roof of green Colorbond, and the insertion of glazed doors to the side porch.

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