
TANGLEWOOD



22508 Entrance to House -
11 Old Warrandyte Road,
Donvale

Location

11 Old Warrandyte Road DONVALE, Manningham City

Municipality

MANNINGHAM CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO122

Heritage Listing

Manningham City

Statement of Significance

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Of local architectural significance as a rare example of pise de terre construction in the City, and as the only known sole design by the architect Nell Norris, donor of the Nell Norris Scholarship to University of Melbourne architecture students. It is in a beautiful forest setting, within a romantic garden with important plantings. The house was designed and built in 1949-50 for the present owner, Maria Fawcett, who has lived there ever since.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Manningham - Manningham Heritage Study Review, Context Pty Ltd, 2006; Manningham - Doncaster & Templestowe Heritage Study Additional Sites Recommendations, Richard Peterson, 1993; |
| Hermes Number | 22508 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

The house is approached by a long driveway into an axe-head shaped block and set in a pine forest, overlooking the Wembley Gardens valley. It is not visible from the road and could not be inspected. The garden is said to include pergolas and significant plantings of old and rare (?) French roses and frangipani.

Only one other pise building is known in the City : 44A Garden Road, Donvale, built for the artist Harry Den Hartog, also about 1950. There are three adobe (mud brick) buildings known : at 152 Brackenbury Street, 88 and 90 Yarra Street, Warrandyte. There is a wattle and daub house at 32 Mullens Road, Warrandyte and in the 1853 section of 'Friedensruh', 10 Waldau Court, Doncaster.

Earth construction is of course, commonplace in the Shire of Eltham[7], but was not supported in Doncaster and Templestowe. No other buildings designed by Nell Norris are known, other than two townhouses designed with her then husband Marcus H. Norris in Toorak.

Physical Conditions

Condition Good

Integrity

Integrity Intact

Physical Description 2

Key elements

Building

Garden

Physical Description 3

Associations

FW (Maria) Fawcett

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