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# KEMBLA



22673 Kemplar - Tills Drive,  
Warrandyte

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## Location

36-48 Tills Drive WARRANDYTE, Manningham City

## Municipality

MANNINGHAM CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO164

## Heritage Listing

Manningham City

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## Statement of Significance

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Of regional significance for the use of unusual building technology, and for its close association with E.P. Lewis.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Manningham - Manningham Heritage Study Review, Context Pty Ltd, 2006; Manningham - Doncaster & Templestowe Heritage Study Additional Historical Research, Carlotta Kellaway, 1994;
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## Historical Australian Themes

Local Themes

7.03 - Victorian houses

### Physical Description 1

Kembla, at 36-48 Tills Drive, Warrandyte is a plain, steep hip roofed, double storey, bungalow, with a central gable projecting as an attic. The central chimney, is on a 45 degree angle and appears to have sloping sides. There is a cantilevered first floor balcony, with a balustrade, on three sides. There appear to be extensions at the rear. There is a 1920s wire mesh vehicular gate at the road, linked to the house by a sweeping drive through a pine plantation. The whole house is now inappropriately painted white.

The original section of the house is reputedly built around a central chimney using a steel frame, with steel members supporting the floor joists.[1] The timber used in the first floor construction was reused from a quartz crusher from the local area. The original internal lining was an imported German cement sheet product. Seaweed was used as the insulation in the walls and ceiling.[2] The outdoor pool was built during the 1930s depression to provide employment for some of the staff of Kelly and Lewis. The pool's pumping system saved the house from destruction in the 1939 fires which devastated the surrounding areas and much of the whole of the State.

The style of this building can be compared to 'Journeys End' at 22-40 Bridge Street, Bulleen.

### SOURCES

[1] If the building dates from the 1890s and, in fact has a steel frame, it is likely to be highly significant; further physical investigation of the building is required.

[2] Information about the history and construction of the building is from Lance Vizard, owner during the 1960s.

### Physical Conditions

Condition Fair

### Integrity

Integrity Altered

### Physical Description 2

Associations

Mr E.P. Lewis; Captain Selby

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