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# Sunningdale



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## Location

16 Old Warrandyte Road DONVALE, Manningham City

## Municipality

MANNINGHAM CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO124

## Heritage Listing

Manningham City

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## Statement of Significance

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"Sunningdale" at 16 Old Warrandyte Road, Donvale is of regional significance. The garden is significant for its suitability for, and connection with, the house designed by well known architect Percy Meldrum. The general layout of the garden west of the house is intact, containing what appears to be a number of the mature trees and shrubs from its development. While some changes have occurred to the east of the site, these have not adversely impacted on the overall garden and its relationship with the house. The layout of the garden beds, their edging, and plantings, the driveway and central water feature are considered to be of significance to the site, with

changes occurring to the eastern section in the 1970s. These however, are largely screened from view

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## Physical Conditions

**Owner:** Victor & Jane Perton

History:

**Original owner:** Frank Green

**House - Designed By:** Percy H. Meldrum, Meldrum & Noad

**Built by:** Unknown

**Date:** 1941

**Additions (date)** Tennis court, pool & paving

added during the 1970s.

**Garden - Designed By:** Unknown

**Built by:** Unknown

**Date:** c. 1941

Additions (date, designer & type):

Unknown

**Notes** - The garden is believed to be contemporary with the construction of the house in 1941. Set behind a significant pine reserve, the house and garden are largely screened from the road. Consisting of a sweeping gravel driveway, central pond and a number of garden beds, it would appear that the garden was designed to accentuate the house.

Garden Style:

Australian suburban

Other

**Other:** Believed to have been designed soon after the construction of the house, the garden

provides quite an informal setting to the house.

Category of Significance:

Significant role in pattern of history

Aesthetic value

Associated with (or designed by) historical figure

**Level of Significance:** Regional

Main Elements:

Trees

Lakes/ponds

Other

**Other:** Much of the front garden appears to be intact with mature trees, informal garden beds and lawn, with a central pond. The rear garden has been altered over the years to include a tennis court, swimming pool and substantial paving.

Features:

Statuary

Other

**Other:** A number of the lamp posts, mainly around the house, appear to be original elements, while a number of later additions are located around the driveway. There is a small statue within the pond and a footbridge from the edge of the pond through the garden bed.

**Garden Plantings:** The garden is quite a mix of exotic and native species. Trees include Evergreen magnolias (*Michelia doltsopa*), English oaks (*Quercus robur*), willows (*Salix sp.*), Spotted gums (*Corymbia maculata*), Norfolk Island pine (*Araucaria heterophylla*), Crab apples (*Malus spp.*) to name a few. Camellias, rhododendrons and azaleas dominate the shrub plantings due to the shaded nature of the garden beds. A number of pines are scattered along both the west and southern boundary, forming a backdrop to the garden.

Condition & Integrity:

Good

Altered/extended sympathetically

**Notes:** The owners are currently "restoring" the garden to what is thought to be the original condition. This includes developing the western boundary garden bed with new planting and edging and removing a number of weed species from the garden beds.

**Recorded by:** Susan Tallon

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