
WOODLANDS HOMESTEAD



Woodlands

Location

11 Doon Court GREENSBOROUGH, Banyule City

Municipality

BANYULE CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO99

Heritage Listing

Banyule City

Statement of Significance

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Woodlands is of local historical significance. The homestead is a rare surviving 19th century building in the municipality, dating from the period of pastoral settlement in the area. Although of little individual architectural significance, the house is considerably enhanced by its siting on the large property and mature landscape setting. The house has been altered and added to over the years, as is typical of rural properties.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Banyule - Banyule Heritage Study, Allum Lovell & Associates, 1999;
Other Names	11 Doon Court, Greensborough,
Hermes Number	31254
Property Number	

Physical Description 2

Property Description - Part of Portion 12 (160 acres). Grantee: JK Zahn 14/7/1852

Usage/Former Usage

Original Use: Residence

Current Use: Residence

Physical Description 1

Building

Woodlands is a double-fronted weatherboard homestead with an encircling timber verandah and hipped corrugated iron roof. The central entrance door has glazed sidelights and highlight, flanked by double-hung sash windows with moulded timber frames.

Weatherboard outbuildings exist to the side and rear of the main house, with gabled corrugated iron roofs, significantly altered and extended. The original cellar appears to have been demolished. A timber-framed shed near the entrance to the property is in poor condition.

Landscape

The landscape around the Woodlands property appears relatively simple. Of note are the very large Monterey Cypress (*Cupressus macrocarpa*) along the front (western) boundary. These trees are approaching senescence, and appear to have begun breaking up, which is typical of this species at this age. A number of Gum Trees (*Eucalyptus* sp) are located to the south of the house. A brick wall screens the property from the street frontage, and is most likely a later addition. The Monterey Pine (*Pinus radiata*) located further up the short street may well be associated with this property.

The simple landscape around the property is testament to its rural past, and contrasts with the suburban development and smaller scale gardens in the immediate precinct.

Physical Conditions

Fair

Intactness

Fair

Historical Australian Themes

Further north and east of Heidelberg the land boom had little, if any effect, with the area remaining essentially rural in character until well into the 20th century. Few pastoral or agricultural buildings survive from this period, with the homestead Woodlands an important exception. The homestead boasted early technology in the area in

the way of wine storage and irrigation.

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