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Location

456 Upper Heidelberg Road HEIDELBERG, Banyule City

Municipality

BANYULE CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO81

Heritage Listing

Banyule City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - November 9, 2005

Serendip is of local historical significance. It is a part of the original Warringal Village, and is one of the oldest remaining houses in Heidelberg.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Banyule - Banyule Heritage Study, Allum Lovell & Associates, 1999; Banyule - Heidelberg Conservation Study, Graeme Butler and Associates, 1985;
Hermes Number	31465
Property Number	

Historical Australian Themes

Serendip was constructed after a period of settlement in the Banyule area in the 1840s and 1850s. It was one of the later allotments offered for sale from the Warringal Village, to accommodate the influx of people through the area following the goldrush. Serendip remains as one of the few surviving substantial early Victorian homesteads erected during that period.

Usage/Former Usage

Original use: Residence

Current use: Residence

Physical Conditions

Good

Physical Description 1

Serendip is a single-storey homestead with a return timber verandah and hipped slated roof. Three double-hung sash windows are located on either side of the centrally positioned door on the entrance elevation. The rendered finish is reputedly over the original face brickwork, and the rendered window architraves may date from the 1887 improvements. The verandah has a concave profile roof with curved rafters, similar to Thomas H. Bear's Rockbeare. The timber posts have carved brackets which appear to date from the 1902-03 renovations. The red brick service wing on the north side also appears to date from this time, and has since been altered. Alterations have taken place internally, including the removal of mantelpieces.

Intactness

Fair

Physical Description 2

Crown Allotment 1-3/25 Warringal. Grantee: John Bear 14/6/1858

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