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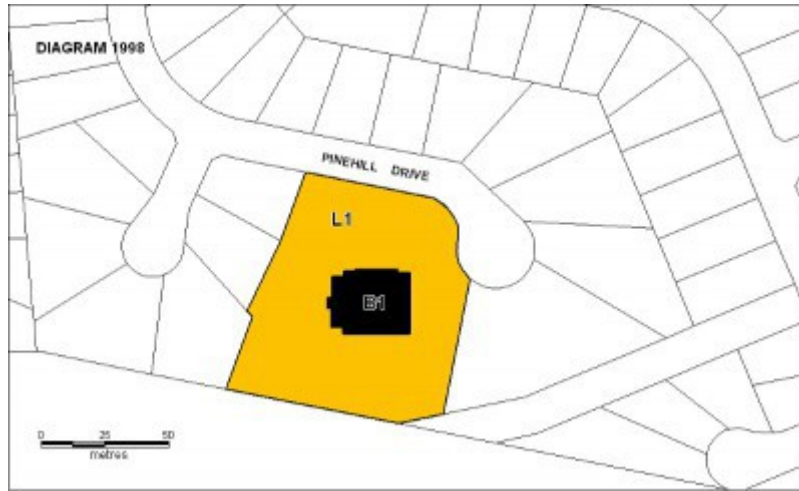
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Bruce Manor Frankston Rear



Bruce Manor Frankston Study



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Location

34 PINEHILL DRIVE FRANKSTON, Frankston City

Municipality

FRANKSTON CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1998

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO29

VHR Registration

September 9, 2004

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - September 9, 2004

What is Significant?

Bruce Manor was designed for Stanley Melbourne (later Viscount) Bruce by the Sydney firm of architects Prevost Synnot and Rewald, in association with Robert Bell Hamilton, in 1926. Bruce Manor is a Mediterranean inspired residence with paved courtyards, Cordova patterned roof tiles, a Juliet balcony and timber panelled interiors. The building has been used as hostel accommodation for the aged.

How is it Significant?

Bruce Manor is of architectural and historical significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it Significant?

Bruce Manor is of architectural significance as a substantial and near complete example of a Mediterranean style house. In the 1920s and 30s houses of this style and scale were popularised by magazines such as Australian Home Beautiful. Mediterranean inspired designs were seen to be glamorous manifestations of Hollywood and the film industry and much more exotic than the modest Georgian or Bungalow styles which were prevalent at the time.

Whilst the building no longer has 'buff pink' walls or vivid blue shutters and doors, it has retained its original fittings, fixtures, piazzas and arcaded verandah and remains as a building of high integrity. Bruce Manor was influential in the stylistic development of architecture in Victoria and examples of this can be seen in later modest developments in areas such as Camberwell. The building also has an important association with The Lodge in Canberra which was constructed in 1926; both were built in a similar architectural style and both were first lived in by Bruce.

Bruce Manor is historically significant as the residence of Viscount Stanley Melbourne Bruce, Prime Minister of Australia from 1923 to 1929. Bruce Manor was constructed in 1926 for Bruce who was a prominent and distinguished figure in Australian politics throughout the 1920s. Bruce was the first Prime Minister to occupy The Lodge. Before entering politics Bruce was admitted to the Bar in Britain in 1907 and was a businessman involved in the importing business set up by his father, Paterson, Laing & Bruce. During the First World War he served with the Royal Fusiliers at Gallipoli where he was wounded twice and received the Military Cross.

Permit Exemptions

General Conditions: 1. All exempted alterations are to be planned and carried out in a manner which prevents damage to the fabric of the registered place or object. General Conditions: 2. Should it become apparent during further inspection or the carrying out of works that original or previously hidden or inaccessible details of the place or object are revealed which relate to the significance of the place or object, then the exemption covering such works shall cease and the Executive Director shall be notified as soon as possible. Note: All archaeological places have the potential to contain significant sub-surface artefacts and other remains. In most cases it will be necessary to obtain approval from Heritage Victoria before the undertaking any works that have a significant sub-surface component. General Conditions: 3. If there is a conservation policy and plan approved by the Executive Director, all works shall be in accordance with it. Note: The existence of a Conservation Management Plan or a Heritage Action Plan endorsed by Heritage Victoria provides guidance for the management of the heritage values associated with the site. It may not be necessary to obtain a heritage permit for certain works specified in the management plan. General Conditions: 4. Nothing in this declaration prevents the Executive Director from amending or rescinding all or any of the permit exemptions. General Conditions: 5. Nothing in this declaration exempts owners or their agents from the responsibility to seek relevant planning or building permits from the responsible authorities where applicable.

Building Exterior:

* Minor repairs and maintenance which replace like with like.

- * Painting of previously painted surfaces, walls, posts, and roofing in the same colour.
- * Treatments to stabilise and protect timber, masonry and metal structures.
- * Demolition of two metal sheds at the rear of the property.

Building Interior

- *Interior painting /wall-papering to walls and ceilings, provided the preparation work for painting/papering does not remove evidence of the building's original paint or other decorative scheme
- *Removal of existing carpets/flexible floor coverings.
- *Installation of curtain track, rods, blinds and other window dressings
- *Refurbishment of bathrooms and toilets, including removal of existing sanitary fixtures and associated piping, mirrors and wall and floor coverings and installation of new wall and floor coverings
- *Removal of existing kitchen and laundry benches and fixtures (stoves, dishwashers etc) and floor coverings and installation of new kitchen benches and fixtures, including associated plumbing and wiring.
- *Installation of ducted, hydronic or concealed radiant (Ceiling Foil Radiant Heating or under carpet heating) provided that the installation does not damage existing skirtings, architraves and the location of the heating unit (boiler etc) is concealed from view.
- *Re-wiring, provided that all new wiring is fully concealed and any original light switches, pull cords or GPOs are retained in situ.
- *Installation of hooks, nails and other devices for the hanging of paintings, mirrors and other wall-mounted works of art.
- *Installation of bulk insulation to the roof space.
- *Installation of smoke detectors. **Landscape:**
- * The process of gardening, mowing, removal of dead plants, disease and weed control, emergency and safety works.
- * The replanting of plant species to conserve the landscape character.
- * Management of trees in accordance with Australian Standard; Pruning of amenity trees AS 4373.
- * Repairs, conservation and maintenance to hard landscape elements, memorial plaques, asphalt and gravel paths and roadways, stone and concrete edging, fences and gates. **Minor Works :**

Any Minor Works that in the opinion of the Executive Director will not adversely affect the heritage significance of the place may be exempt from the permit requirements of the Heritage Act. A person proposing to undertake minor works may submit a proposal to the Executive Director. If the Executive Director is satisfied that the proposed works will not adversely affect the heritage values of the site, the applicant may be exempted from the requirement to obtain a heritage permit. If an applicant is uncertain whether a heritage permit is required, it is recommended that the permits co-ordinator be contacted.

Other Works:

All works including demolition of and internal modification (but not) additions to other buildings and structures on the site.

Construction dates	1926,
Architect/Designer	Prevost Synot & Rewald,
Heritage Act Categories	Heritage place,
Other Names	PINEHILL,
Hermes Number	4078
Property Number	

Extent of Registration

1. All the building known as Bruce Manor and marked as B1 on Diagram 1998 held by the Executive Director.
2. All the land marked as L1 on Diagram 1998 held by the Executive Director, being all the land described in Certificate of Title Vol. 8783 Folio 873.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place data owner.

For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>