

# BUNDOORA PARK HOMESTEAD



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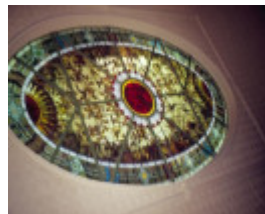
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J V Smith Homestead  
Bundoor Entry February  
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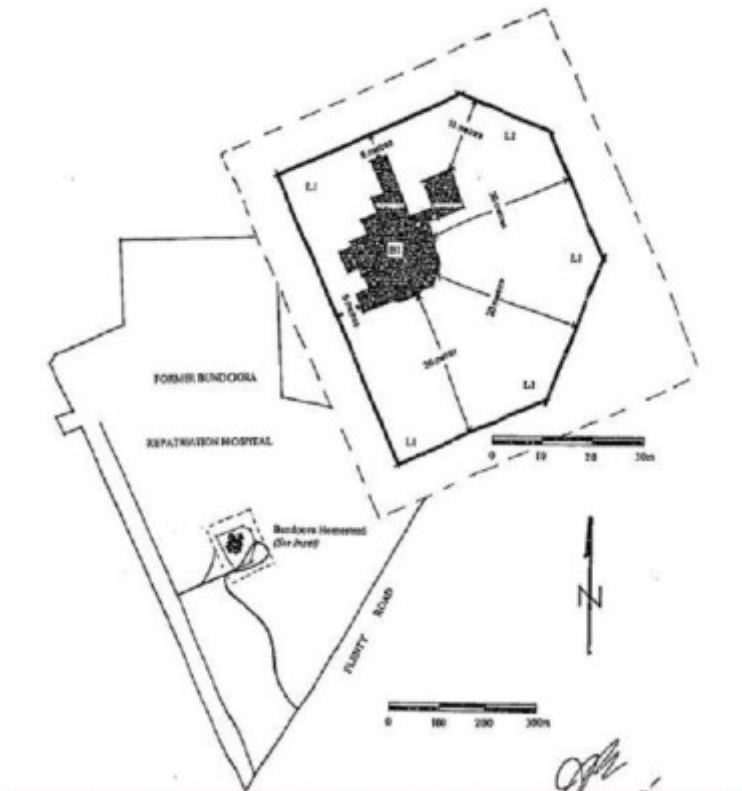
J V Smith Homestead  
Bundoor Side View January  
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### Location

7-27 SNAKE GULLY DRIVE BUNDOORA, DAREBIN CITY

### Municipality

DAREBIN CITY

### Level of significance

Registered

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1091

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO74

### VHR Registration

August 10, 1995

### Heritage Listing

## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 5, 1999

The Bundoora Park Homestead (the Former Bundoora Repatriation Hospital Day Centre) is a 14 room mansion built for John MV Smith, a prominent identity in the racing industry, in 1899/1900. It is a two storey, asymmetrical red brick Queen Anne building designed by Sydney H. Wilson, in conjunction with Percy Oakden, and built by JB Sewell & Co. The interior of the building contains outstanding examples of stained glass, architectural pyrography work, and other fine craftsmanship. The property was acquired by the Repatriation Commission in 1920 and became the Repatriation Mental Hospital, Bundoora in 1924. The homestead was converted into a day hospital in 1968 and utilised as such until the Bundoora Repatriation Hospital was decommissioned in 1993.

The Bundoora Park Homestead is important as the building contains several significant pieces of stained glass which can be attributed to Auguste Fischer who was a leader in Arts and Crafts circles and an important glass artist of the period. The Bundoora Park Homestead, and its later use as a psychiatric repatriation facility, has important social associations as its acquisition indicates the urgent need for accommodation and care for returned service personnel. The building's isolation suited the prevailing official and public attitudes to the mentally ill and at the same time provided a restful environment for rehabilitation and the opportunity for self sufficiency in food production.

The Bundoora Park Homestead was the principle building of the state's first repatriation facility.

The Bundoora Park Homestead is an extraordinary, rare and essentially intact building of a Queen Anne building type.

The Bundoora Park Homestead is a typical example of a large mansion converted for institutional use.

The Bundoora Park Homestead is associated with John Matthew Vincent Smith, a prominent figure in the horse breeding and racing industry in the early 1900's

The interior decoration of the Bundoora Park Homestead demonstrates outstanding and rare craftsmanship. The building contains an extensive scheme of stained glass which is a significant example of the work of a leading artist, Auguste Fischer, and which has considerable intrinsic artistic merit. The large stairwell oval light is particularly outstanding. The staircase and upper landing are decorated with a complete and consistent set of pyrography panels that are outstanding in terms of their number and intact condition, and their rarity as an example of pyrography work used architecturally. Other internal decorative features also exhibit outstanding craftsmanship

## Permit Exemptions

### General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

Places of worship: In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must **notify** the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

Subdivision/consolidation: Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act*

1987 and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

Construction dates	1899,
Architect/Designer	Wilson, Sydney H,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	J V SMITH HOMESTEAD, JV SMITH HOMESTEAD, BUNDOORA CONVALESCENT HOME, BUNDOORA HOMESTEAD FOR SHELL SHOCKED MEN, BUNDOORA REPATRIATION HOME,
Hermes Number	4678
Property Number	

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## History

Associated People: Percy Oakden

## Extent of Registration

### AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 1091:

Bundoora Park Homestead (formerly J.M.V. Smith Homestead), former Bundoora Repatriation Hospital, Plenty Road, Bundoora, City of Darebin.

To the extent of all of the building known as the Bundoora Park Homestead, Bundoora, marked B-1 on Plan 605767 and all the land marked L-1 on Plan 605767, endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council, being part of Crown Portion 15, Parish of Keelbundora, described in Certificate of Title Vol. 4385, Folio 815.

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G32 17 August 1995 p.2178]

*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 source.*

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