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# Dalvui Garden

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## Location

431 McKinnon's Bridge Road, NOORAT VIC 3265 - Property No G13114

## Municipality

CORANGAMITE SHIRE

## Level of significance

National

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

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Dalvui, subdivided for Neil Walter Black from the Black family property Mt Noorat, the garden laid out to the design of William Guilfoyle from 1898, the residence erected in 1907-8 and the garden meticulously maintained by the Palmer family following the tragic death of Black in 1909, is of National significance:

- as an outstanding late Victorian garden, the essential layout, features and planting of Guilfoyle's 1898 design remaining remarkably intact and carefully maintained; the plan, although allowing careful glimpses of the surrounding landscape, generally forms an inward looking garden, skilfully focussed on the house and lake and is a superb complement to the stylish Edwardian residence;
- as one of the finest examples of William Guilfoyle's private garden designs (probably matched only by Mooleric at Birregurra); intact features include the sweeping lawns, rockeries, paths and driveways, lake, shrubberies, boundary screen planting, the original driveway avenues, mature specimen trees, early outbuildings and windbreak plantings;
- for its residence, erected to the design of accomplished Melbourne architects Ussher and Kemp; notable features include a strong diagonal emphasis focussed on a polygonal candle-snuffer roof, panels of vertical tile hanging, the Tudor bay window to the garden, banked Gothic lights, stone corbels carrying the jettied upper facade, a grand sweeping stair, many plaster ceilings of Jacobean character, an angle nook with carved panels by Robert Prenzel, a number of other details in the Art Nouveau and a splendid lift car with coloured glass roof light;
- historically, for its links with the Black family, pioneering Scottish settlers in Victoria's Western District and the original owners of the properties Glenormiston and Mt Noorat;
- for the existence of important documentary evidence regarding the design of the garden, including plans,

sketches, early photographs showing development and Guilfoyle's letter of instructions.  
Classified: 16/10/1991

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