

## House, 5 Creswick Street, Deepdene Statement of Significance, November 2021

<b>Heritage Place:</b>	House, 5 Creswick Street Deepdene	<b>PS ref no:</b>	HO949
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### What is significant?

5 Creswick Street, Deepdene, built in 1919 by Dunlop & Hunt Pty Ltd, is significant.

Elements that contribute to the significance of the place include:

- an asymmetrical built form with a recessed porch along its southern façade
- terracotta tiled, steeply pitched gable roof with a principal transverse gable and projecting street gable
- exposed rafter ends
- roughcast rendered chimneys
- weatherboard clad walls to three-quarter wall height and roughcast render above
- pattern of fenestrations
- pair of canted bay windows across the principal elevation which sit under a continuous terracotta tile window hood

- substantial brick and rough cast tapered pier at the porch's southeast corner
- front door set in a frame with leadlight sidelights and overlights
- casement leadlight and plain glass windows
- attic windows
- lattice work at the apex of the gable ends
- timber eaves brackets to gable ends
- garden setting with set back off Creswick Street.

The rear flat-roofed addition added in 1976 and gable-roofed carport adjacent to the entry porch added in 1988 are not significant.

### **How is it significant?**

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The house at 5 Creswick Street, Deepdene, is of local historical and representative significance to the City of Boroondara.

### **Why is it significant?**

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5 Creswick Street, Deepdene, is of historical significance for demonstrating early residential development in the Balwyn–Deepdene area, spurred on by improved transport provided by the Outer Circle railway and the later electric tramline extension, terminating at Burke Road. The development of the Deepdene Township Estate predates the broader development of the Balwyn–Deepdene area in the 1920s and 1930s.

The house at 5 Creswick Street, Deepdene, erected in 1919, is a rare surviving example of a residence planned and constructed by Dunlop & Hunt Pty Ltd, home builders, in the Deepdene–Balwyn locality and more widely in metropolitan Melbourne. Dunlop & Hunt Pty Ltd was one of the leading homes builders in suburban Melbourne in the early decades of the twentieth century. They specialised in popular designs, such as Queen Anne villas and Attic Bungalows, catering largely for a middle-class market. (Criterion A)

The house at 5 Creswick Street, Deepdene, is significant as an Attic Bungalow that demonstrates the transition in the early interwar period from the picturesque forms of the Federation era to the clean lines and reliance on strong massing and contrasting material textures of the interwar years. Characteristic Federation-era details include the leadlight casement windows, window hoods, and front door set in a frame with leadlight sidelights and overlights. In contrast, the clean lines of the high attic roof, the incorporation of a small porch within the principal building envelope, the tapered porch pier, and the contrasting weatherboard and roughcast rendered walls are all distinguishing features of the interwar Californian Bungalow style. (Criterion D)

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