Corra Lynn, 6 Creswick Street, Deepdene Statement of Significance, November 2021

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Place: Street Deepdene



What is significant?

6 Creswick Street, Deepdene, built in 1916, is significant.

Elements that contribute to the significance of the place are:

- an asymmetrical built form with projecting rooms along the west and south elevations
- corrugated iron hip and gable roof with exposed rafter ends and a gablet at the apex of the main hip roof
- return verandah with timber floor that sits under the continuation of the main roof line and features a splayed corner with gablet
- pattern of fenestration
- block-fronted timber cladding (simulating ashlar stone work) to its principal western and southern façades
- · weatherboard cladding to its secondary façade

- roughcast render to its gable ends and gablets
- turned timber verandah posts set with a distinctive 'flat' cast iron frieze and brackets in a curvilinear pattern.
- red brick chimneys with corbelled brick caps and strapwork
- double-hung timber sash windows
- window hoods
- front door and door at eastern end of the verandah with leadlight and moulded surround
- decorative timber scallop work along the barge boards of the gable ends and gablets and along the fascia of the verandah

Additions made to the property in 1990 and 2011 are not significant. Although the front picket fence is not original, it contributes to the setting of the place.

How is it significant?

The house at 6 Creswick Street, Deepdene, is of local historical and representative significance to the City of Boroondara.

Why is it significant?

'Corra Lynn' at 6 Creswick Street, Deepdene, built in 1916, is of historical significance as one of the few surviving dwellings constructed as part of the early residential development in the Balwyn–Deepdene area, encouraged by the Outer Circle Railway that was reinstated in 1900, and the electric tram to the city, which reached the corner of Cotham Road and Burke Road in 1913. Built on an allotment of the Deepdene Township Estate, which was subdivided in 1912, the house at 6 Creswick Street was the first house built in Creswick Street and one of only a handful built during the war years on the estate. The development of the Deepdene Township Estate predates the broader development of the Balwyn–Deepdene area in the 1920s and 1930s. (Criterion A)

6 Creswick Street, Deepdene is significant as a largely intact example of a Federation-era dwelling. Features of the house which express the typical characteristics of its class include its asymmetrical built form with a hip and gable roof with gablets, red brick chimneys, weatherboard clad walls with block fronting to the west and south elevations that simulates ashlar stone work, roughcast render to its gable and gablet ends, return verandah, distinctive flat cast-iron frieze and brackets in a curvilinear pattern, decorative timber scallop work along the barge boards of the gable ends and gablets and along the fascia of the verandah, double-hung sash windows, window hoods and front door and eastern verandah door with leadlight and moulded surround, and turned timber verandah posts. (Criterion D)

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