

1 Mountain View Road, Balwyn North Statement of Significance

Heritage Place:	1 Mountain View Road BALWYN NORTH	PS ref no:	HO870
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What is significant?

The house at 1 Mountain View Road, Balwyn North, built in 1939 by master builders L W Ritter Pty Ltd is significant.

Significant elements of the place include the brick garage and low brick fence with mild steel balustrade that runs across the street frontage and continues partway down the southern boundary.

The rear extension constructed in 1977 is not significant.

How is it significant?

1 Mountain View Road, Balwyn North, is of local architectural (representative) significance to the City of Boroondara.

Why is it significant?

1 Mountain View Road, Balwyn North is a fine and externally intact example of a two-storey Moderne dwelling. It demonstrates key design elements of the Moderne style, including a layered geometric massed form, a strong horizontal emphasis balanced by the vertical axis of the chimney, and the use of contemporary materials such as corner and steel framed windows, smooth rendered walls and patterned brick work. It is also a well-designed and carefully detailed

example of the Moderne style. Its bold use of planar surfaces broken up by the subtle use of curved elements and panels of contrasting brickwork and its dominant stepped chimney stack makes it an excellent representative example. It is enhanced by the retention of the front and side fence with a Art Deco mild-steel balustrade matching the one above the cantilevered entrance hood.

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