

House, 55 Bath Road, Glen Iris Statement of Significance, January 2020

Heritage Place:	<i>House</i> 55 Bath Road, Glen Iris	PS ref no:	HO899
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What is significant?

The substantial red brick house front fence at 55 Bath Road, Glen Iris, built in 1925-26, is significant.

How is it significant?

55 Bath Road, Glen Iris, is of local architectural and aesthetic significance to the City of Boroondara.

Why is it significant?

55 Bath Road, Glen Iris is of architectural significance for its demonstration of the transition in style from the Federation Queen Anne, to the interwar bungalow. In comparison with other examples of transitional styles in Boroondara, 55 Bath Road demonstrates a similar level of inventiveness in the adaptation of a wide architectural vocabulary. This class of place is distinguished by its free form design that incorporates elements of different periods and styles into a highly idiosyncratic range of residential designs.

55 Bath Road demonstrates its transitional style through the use of various architectural elements commonly found in the Federation and the interwar periods. These include the octagonal corner tower used as a pivot between perpendicular projecting wings with a return verandah, half-timbering to the gable ends and double hung sash windows with leadlight to the upper sashes. Elements associated with the interwar bungalow include the dominant transverse gabled roof form enclosing an attic room; the simple tapered chimneys, half brick piers and classical columns to the front verandah and contrasting red and clinker brick detail. Further emphasis of the interwar period is provided by the boxed bay window with an oversized window hood clad in shingles. (Criterion D)

55 Bath Road is aesthetically significant for its original brick front fence with pierced brickwork panels and pillars with rendered cappings. Stretching across the frontage of the large site, the fence makes a strong contribution to the setting for the house. (Criterion E)

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