

Woorayl, 3 Valley Parade, Glen Iris Statement of Significance, January 2020

Heritage Place:	Woorayl 3 Valley Parade, Glen Iris	PS ref no:	HO909
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What is significant?

'Woorayl', at 3 Valley Parade, Glen Iris, built in 1891, is significant. Built for Joseph Stephen Treweek in 1891, the house retains original Hawthorn bricks with cream brick detailing, cast iron verandah elements, slate roof and brick and rendered chimneys.

The later rear addition, bluestone front fence and garage are not significant.

How is it significant?

'Woorayl' is of local historical and architectural significance to the City of Boroondara.

Why is it significant?

'Woorayl' at 3 Valley Parade, Glen Iris is a tangible representation of the scattered early development of Glen Iris during the nineteenth century. Its nineteenth-century origins are demonstrated by its Italianate form and details along with its Hawthorn and cream brick walls. In the 1880s, the land was largely utilised for market gardens, dairying, orchards and brick making, with little residential development beyond the occasional villa. The opening in 1890 of the railway line to Oakleigh, with two stations in the Stonnington part of Glen Iris, provided some impetus for suburban development and the opening of the Glen Iris Post Office, but this was limited due to the subsequent economic downturn in the early 1890s. It was only in the interwar period that Glen Iris was extensively developed, infilling old streets around the few surviving Victorian houses, and creating many new subdivisions. (Criterion A)

'Woorayl' at 3 Valley Parade, Glen Iris is a representative example of a Victorian era Italianate house in the Glen Iris context; and one of a small number of houses from this era to survive intact in the suburb. The house is also an uncommon example of a Hawthorn brick house in the suburb. Architecturally it has an unusual presentation for a Victorian Italianate house – the symmetrical form features a central projecting bay and is flanked by narrow verandahs down each side. Its significance is enhanced by a high degree of integrity, retaining a number of features associated with the Italianate style including: bi-chrome brickwork, with Hawthorn (brown) brick walls contrasting with cream brick

trim to the faceted bay, window openings, and as feature courses on the walls and chimneys; two side verandahs with cast-iron posts, frieze and brackets; tessellated tiled verandah floor with bluestone edge; and timber four panelled entry door on the eastern side of the house, with leadlight highlights and side lights. (Criterion D)

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