

Lindum Statement of Significance August 2020

Heritage Place: 315 Barkers Road Kew

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What is significant?

The nine-roomed house at 315 Barkers Road, situated on land subdivided in 1903 from a 14-acre allotment owned by solicitor William Henry Wrixon, is significant. The house, built in a Queen Anne Style between 1903 and 1908, originally occupied by Barbara Ross Eady, and named Lindum is significant.

How is it significant?

The house at 315 Barkers Road is of local aesthetic and architectural significance to the City of Boroondara.

Why is it significant?

315 Barkers Road is a fine example of the Queen Anne style that is characterised by a complex, asymmetrical building form set below a steeply pitched hipped roof. 315 Barkers Road is a notable example of the Queen Anne style with a formal or symmetrical frontage but also exuding a highly picturesque and lively overall composition. This more formal approach is demonstrated through a number of houses in Boroondara, including those by noted architect Christopher Cowper. (Criterion D)

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315 Barkers Road is of aesthetic significance for its characteristic features including its highly picturesque and cascading hipped roof form with dormer windows and a terra cotta tiled roof. The frontage is notable for its ox-bow arched parapet and central arched entrance between steeply pitched gable ends over bow windows. The west elevation is notable for its faceted verandah that once overlooked garden but is now curtailed in this regard by the limitations of a smaller site. The exceptionally tall, slender and well modelled chimneys complement the overall composition and are significant features in themselves. The combination of materials is highly characteristic of the style and, although now overpainted, the combination of rough cast render, timber shingles, brickwork and leaded glass to the main windows all contribute to the detail of this house.

The Canary Island palm *Phoenix Canariensis* is a tall and well formed specimen that adds to the garden setting. (Criterion E)

Primary source

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