

40 Havelock Road, Hawthorn East Statement of Significance

Heritage Place: Adair House

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What is significant?

Adair House at 40 Havelock Road, Hawthorn East constructed in 1917, is significant to the City of Boroondara.

How is it significant?

Adair House is of local architectural, aesthetic and associative significance to the City of Boroondara.

Why is it significant?

Adair House is a largely intact early example of the type of housing that began to appear in the suburbs following the First World War. The Californian Bungalow type would dominate domestic architecture through the 1920s, with its tapered stone piers supporting the gabled porch roof, and use of shingles, roughcast walls, and low-pitched roof of intersecting and nested gables. (Criterion D)

Adair House is significant as a largely intact example of a suburban bungalow type. The house is an example of the evolutionary process of the Californian Bungalow to an Australian hybrid with region-specific details. The house combines traits of the Californian Bungalow (roughcast walls, shingles and low-pitch gable roof) with Old English Revival details, such as the three-sided bay window and the

sloping buttress at the north-west corner, making use of local materials, such as bluestone for the pylons supporting the porch roof. (Criterion E)

Adair House is locally significant for its association with William Arthur Adair. Adair and his brother, Robert, were the founders of Adair Bros, a small format department store at Camberwell Junction from the mid-1920s to 1979 that grew to become national retailer Adairs. The Adair Bros were active in the Hawthorn and Camberwell communities through their business and support of community events. (Criterion H)

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