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# Strathalan



Strathalan Baptist Home,  
Macleod



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## Location

2-34 Erskine Road MACLEOD, BANYULE CITY

## Municipality

BANYULE CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO164

## Heritage Listing

Banyule City

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - July 20, 2009

*What is significant?*

The house Strathalan, built in 1906 -7 for Michael Le Grand, is significant. The later buildings surrounding the house and built for aged care are not significant. The mature pine trees at the entrance to the driveway and the red gum are significant.

*How is it significant?*

Strathalan is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Banyule.

#### *Why is it significant?*

Strathalan is historically significant for its association with several phases of development in Macleod. The property was part of a substantial estate in the 19th century known as 'Strathalan'. The house is the only assessed building in Macleod that demonstrates previous large scale landholdings prior to suburban development. The property was previously owned by Edith and Malcolm Macleod and the house was built by the Le Grand family, who sold part of their estate between Greensborough Road and the railway line in the early 20th century, thereby assisting suburban development in Macleod. (Criterion A)

Strathalan has further historic as well as aesthetic significance as the only known example of a Federation era house in Macleod and is notable for its face red brick masonry, half timbered gables to the roof, chimneys and encircling verandah.. The property retains remnant pine trees that illustrate its former life as a residence in a garden setting, prior to the aged care development. (Criteria B &E)

The pine trees at the entrance to the driveway and the red gum are contributors to the setting of the house and act as landmarks in the suburban context. (Criterion E)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Banyule - Banyule Heritage Review, Context P/L, 2009; Banyule - Heidelberg Conservation Study, Graeme Butler and Associates, 1985; Banyule - Banyule Heritage Study, Allum Lovell & Associates, 1999;
Construction dates	1906,
Hermes Number	123452
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

This Queen Anne style house, with its half -timbered gables, and encircling verandah, is one of few Federation era buildings in Macleod. The house demonstrates typical planning, form and detailing of the Queen Anne style, with face red brick walls, timber framed sash windows, and chimneys of red brick and render. It has undergone some changes associated with the development of the aged care buildings attached. Some architectural detail has been removed including the balustrading and a verandah frieze. The Marseilles - pattern tile roof has been replaced with concrete tiles. Many of the original windows have been replaced. The chimneys are notable for their brick and render detailing and slender proportions.

The development of the Aged Care facility around this house has compromised its integrity, particularly in the understanding of the garden around the house, however it remains as one of few Federation style buildings in Macleod.

There are pine trees at the entrance to Erskine Road and a mature red gum immediately to the south of the house. (*E. Camaldulenesis*). These mature trees provide a setting to the house and the entrance to the driveway.

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