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# Eyre Court



Camberwell Conservation  
Study 1991

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## Location

2 Molesworth Street and 4 Selwyn Street CANTERBURY, Boroondara City

## Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0817

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO98

HO145

## Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

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## Statement of Significance

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## Significance of Individual Properties

Architecturally, perhaps Victoria's largest row house pair, this near intact version of the popular Italianate style is distinguished by its former dual occupancy and towered form; of regional importance.

Historically, little is known of the McCulley's in the Camberwell context.

### HO145 Maling Road Shopping Centre and Residential Environs, Canterbury

Maling Road Shopping Centre and Residential Environs, Canterbury, is an area of heritage significance for the following reasons:

- The precinct is a comprehensive and architecturally notable illustration of the effect of the railway's arrival in the Victorian era and the railway's further development around WWI. This is expressed, in part, in the distinctive street pattern that runs axially from the Canterbury Railway Station. It is also expressed in the well preserved residential and commercial development which was largely complete by WWII.
- The Maling Road and Canterbury Road commercial strips demonstrate a high level of architectural excellence, strong Victorian, Federation and interwar-era expression and a high degree of visual cohesion. The Maling Road strip also contains individually notable buildings that have a high degree of integrity and landmark value; the Post Office (1908), the Canterbury Theatre (1912) and Malone's Hotel (1889).
- The place is a highly representative Victorian and Federation-era residential precinct with individually notable houses. The precinct is interspersed with strong and well preserved interwar elements that offer an historic and architectural contrast and create streetscapes of high aesthetic interest.
- The precinct contains well preserved residential and commercial examples from the 1920s-30s, which reflects the premier status of Camberwell as an urban growth area during that period.
- The precinct has an historic association with Terry & Oakden, the designers of the original Claremont Park Estate and one of Victoria's most important architectural firms, and other important architects of the time such as Ward and Carleton and Ussher and Kemp.
- The precinct includes public landscaping elements such as asphalt paving, basalt pitching, kerbs, channels and mature trees and garden plantings, some of which date from the beginnings of the Claremont Park and Highfield Estates.

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Other Names Cullymont HO119, Eyre Court HO98,

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## Physical Description 1

A grand Italianate styled stuccoed brick mansion composed of two opposing two-storeyed bayed wings between which an arcaded verandah extends on two levels. Near the verandah corner is a parapeted tower dividing the two houses as if two comfortable suburban villas had been joined back to back. Cement balustrading is used to decorate both the tower parapet and verandah levels, while paired brackets, string and impost moulds provide more conventional ornament. Impressive leaded fanlights over boldly paneled doors, with generous leaded side lights face both upper and lower verandah levels at the north and west elevations as augmented by other minor

entrance doors onto the verandahs showing plainly the former dual occupancy.

Mature exotic planting mainly 20th Century in character supports the house era, aided by a perimeter hedge joined onto an impressive cast and wrought iron gateway in Molesworth Street bearing the McCully crest (as seen on the building), matched by another in Selwyn Street.

## **Integrity**

### External Integrity

The house is generally externally original with the exception of eastern additions, new brick fences and garages and painted brickwork to the south face.

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