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# 'DRIFFVILLE'



View Street 15 (1).jpg



View Street 15 (2).jpg

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## Location

15 View Street CANTERBURY, BOROONDARA CITY

## Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO695

## Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - October 31, 2018

What is Significant?

Driffield, a large federation house on a double allotment built for timber merchant Ernest T.J.Clark at 15 View Street in 1907-08 is significant.

How is it significant?

15 View street is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Boroondara.

Why is it significant?

Driffield at 15 View Street Canterbury, subdivided as part of the Canterbury Mount Estate, is historically significant for its demonstration of early twentieth century residential expansion marketed for their proximity to railway stations. (Criterion A).

15 View Street is a representative example of a large single storey Federation villa which engages with the architectural vocabulary of the time in a fairly conventional manner. Whilst Boroondara has many such examples, 15 View Street demonstrates the large single storey variant using the hexagonal tower as a key compositional element. Its condition and integrity from the public domain are high. (Criterion D).

Aesthetically, 15 View Street combines the elements of picturesque roof massing, free flowing plan, return verandah, multi-faceted bay and bow windows and solid timber verandah posts and fretwork, together with a hexagonal tower as a key element in the composition. The building form and roof massing, materials of terra cotta tile and red brick, stucco and timber battening, use of leadlight and chimney/wall detail are particular noteworthy features. The place is enhanced by the garden setting, fence and entrance arbour, although these are of contemporary origin and evidence for their earlier appearance has not been found. (Criterion E).

Heritage Study/Consultant	Boroondara - Municipal-Wide Heritage Gap Study: Vol. 1 Canterbury, Context, 2018;
Construction dates	1907,
Hermes Number	202049
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

A large and elaborate Federation style house representing a high point in the style. The house is set well back from the street within a large and well established garden with a number of mature trees. A recent but sympathetic timber picket fence and entry pergola mark the entry to the property.

The building form and roof line typify the style in that they are complex and picturesque. A flowing plan has varying projections and orientations. The roof form has a series of gables and subsidiary gables which intersect with the main steeply pitched main roof. A hexagonal tower with a pyramidal roof is located at the front of the house. The roof is clad in terra cotta tiles and has numerous terra cotta finials.

There are two major bay windows across the front of the house, once curved and one squared and oriented at 45 degrees to the main house. A third bay with a broken back roof is located on the western side of the house. All bays have casement windows with mostly intact leadlight above.

Timber batten detailing can be noted in the gable ends and around the top of the tower. Battens are infilled with rough stucco. The front door is fitted with leadlight and an unusually large side light is also fitted with leadlight.

## Integrity

More recent additions include an elaborate timber arbour at street entry, and a carport. A small upstairs extension including the dormer window has been added c1991.

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