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# WHISPERING PINES



22621 Whispering Pines -  
Heidelberg- Warrandyte  
Road, Templestowe

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## Location

50 Warrandyte Road TEMPLESTOWE, Manningham City

## Municipality

MANNINGHAM CITY

## Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Listing

Manningham City

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## Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

Whispering Pines is an Inter-war house at 50 Warrandyte Road, Templestowe that was constructed in 1935-36 for Paul Keppler and his wife Ruby Keppler, nee Aumann, on land that once formed part of the Aumann family orchard estate. It is now thought to be the only building associated with the Aumann orchards to survive, and is surrounded by mature Cypress windrow and mature Pines that would have been planted at the same time (or earlier) as the house.

How is it Significant?

Whispering Pines at 50 Warrandyte Road, Templestowe, is of local historic and aesthetic significance to Manningham City.

Why is it Significant?

Whispering Pines has historic significance as an orchard house with close associations to the Aumann family who were pioneering orchardists in the area. The house, which is thought to be the only building associated with the Aumann orchard to survive, also provides evidence of the close connections between members of the German community who settled in the Templestowe district. (RNE criteria A.4, B.2, D.2 and H.1)

Whispering Pines has aesthetic significance as a good and largely intact example of an Inter-War weatherboard bungalow. It is notable for its setting of mature trees include a Cypress windrow and mature pines that evoke the historic rural orchard character of Templestowe prior to suburban development. (RNE criterion E.1)

Heritage Study/Consultant Manningham - Manningham Heritage Study Review, Context Pty Ltd, 2006;

Hermes Number 22621

Property Number

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## Historical Australian Themes

Local Themes

5.02 - Orchards & market gardens

## Physical Description 1

Whispering Pines is a single-storey, double-fronted timber Californian Bungalow with a gabled corrugated iron roof and projecting gabled front bay. The main roof extends over the front verandah where it is supported by precast concrete columns resting on brick piers. The windows appears to be timber-framed casements, and there is a bay window to the projecting gable with shingles beneath it. There is at least one brick chimney.

The house is set relatively close to the road, essentially within a tree reserve that extends along the boundary of a 1970s-era housing estate that adjoins the property to the rear. The house is partly hidden behind a mature Cypress windbreak that extends along the road to either side of the house for almost 200m. Other mature trees include a small number of large pine trees.

## Physical Conditions

**Condition** Good

## Integrity

**Integrity** Intact

## Physical Description 2

**Threats** Redevelopment

### **Physical Description 3**

Key elements

Building

Tree(s)

### **Physical Description 4**

Associations

Keppler family, Aumann family

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