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# House; 15 Brisbane Street, BERWICK

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## Location

15 Brisbane Street, BERWICK, Casey City

## Municipality

CASEY CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO66

## Heritage Listing

Casey City

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The house, constructed by Mr Wallace in 1939 and the surrounding mature garden and front fence, at 15 Brisbane Street, Berwick.

### How is it significant?

The house at 15 Brisbane Street, Berwick is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Casey.

### Why is it significant?

Historically, it was constructed in 1939 as the home of Alfred Barker, then the newly retired headteacher of Berwick Primary School, and remained in the family ownership until at least 1993. (AHC criterion H1)

Aesthetically, it is significant as a well-preserved Inter-war villa of a style rare in Berwick. Built on high land overlooking the road the house features stucco rendered walls and decorative brickwork, with excellent detailing in joinery architraves, eaves and porch floor. It is complemented by a mature garden, which provides an

appropriate setting. (AHC criterion E1)

Heritage Study/Consultant Casey - Casey Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2004;  
Construction dates 1939,  
Hermes Number 62956  
Property Number

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## Usage/Former Usage

Residential

## Physical Description 1

The house at 15 Brisbane Street, Berwick is an Inter-war villa with stucco rendered walls and decorative brickwork. It is situated on a raised embankment on 1393 square metres of land and retains a secluded aspect, shrouded by leafy exotic trees.

Designed in a series of gabled pavilions, the style of the building echoes the Spanish Mission idiom, characteristic of late Inter-war suburban development elsewhere in metropolitan Melbourne, but rare in Berwick. Thin glazed brick is used in the entrance pillars and foundations, contrasting with the stucco walls and matching the glazed surface of the roof tiling. Thin horizontal panes in the windows are a feature, highlighted in the projecting bay section by a tiled 'awning'. Fine craftsmanship is evident in the joinery and porch floor. The building is in good condition, however there is evidence of movement in the foundations. A timber and wire front fence may be contemporary with the house.

## Physical Conditions

Good

## Intactness

High

## Historical Australian Themes

Developing settlements, towns and cities

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