

Building:	Yarra Bend Golf Club House	Significance:	B
Address:	Yarra Bend Road, Yarra Bend	Melway Map Ref:	2D G6
Building Type:	Club House	Construction Date:	1934
Architect:	Percy Everett Public Works Department	Builder:	Unknown



Intactness:		Condition:	
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Existing Heritage Listings:		Recommended Heritage Listings:	
Victorian Heritage Register	[]	Victorian Heritage Register	[]
Register of the National Estate	[x]	Register of the National Estate	[x]
National Trust	[x]	Heritage Overlay Controls	[x]

History

From 1848 onwards the Metropolitan Lunatic Asylum began to spread from the hillside, overlooking the bend in the Yarra, to the banks of the river. Small cottage accommodation was supplemented by larger hospital buildings, administration blocks and a cemetery on the river bank. By 1926 the larger hospital buildings, administration blocks and a cemetery on the river bank. By 1926 the asylum was emptied and most of the cottages demolished by Whelan the Wrecker. After some indecision as to the fate of the 315 acres remaining, it became a public park under a management committee of Heidelberg Shire Councillors and Government nominees. By 1933 the *Heidelberg-Kew Lands Act* was proclaimed, adding 272 acres of land on the south side of the river, to the previous 315 acres (94.5 metres).¹

On the Heidelberg Shire portion an 18 hole golf course was laid out and with it, a clubhouse was provided. The Public Works Department Chief Architect, Percy Everett, supervised the design of the clubhouse; the clubhouse opened in May 1936 in front of 1000 people.

Graeme Butler. *Northcote Urban Conservation Study*. 1982.

Description

The Yarra Bend Golf Club House is a single and double-storey building designed in a rustic American bungalow style. The building is constructed of clinker brick, rubble stone and logs from trees felled from the site of the present carpark.² The main single-storey wing has a broad gabled roof clad in Cordova pattern terracotta tiles, hinting at the popular American-inspired Spanish Mission style. The projecting entrance porch also has a broad gabled roof, with heavy rubble stone piers. The building has groups of double-hung sash windows, with multi-paned upper sashes. A double-storey section intersects the main wing at the north end, and has a wide rubble stone chimney penetrating the gable end, bearing the name of the building in raised metal lettering.

Fine, clipped hedges separate the carpark and practice green from the building.

Significance

The Yarra Bend Golf Club House, Yarra Bend, is of local architectural significance. The building is a distinctive example of the American-inspired bungalow style, designed by Public Works Chief Architect, Percy Everett. Notable elements include the rubble stone piers, chimney and Cordova tiled gabled roofs. The building is enhanced by its landscaped setting.

Original Source

Graeme Butler. *Northcote Urban Conservation Study*. 1982.

1 A S Kenyon. *The City of Streams*, Heidelberg 1934, p 101f.

2 Yarra Bend Park Trust Records.