

MERCHANT BUILDERS SYSTEM HOUSE

Place No. 315

ADDRESS	1 Exford Close Donvale	Last Update
DESCRIPTION	<p>The house at 1 Exford Close, Donvale is a coffee coloured, brick gable-roofed pavilion house. It has a rectangular plan, with a shaded pergola facing northeast, and an inset entry porch in the west corner. There are horizontal timber shiplapped boards, over Stegbar windows. The entrance is brick paved and there is a horizontal-boarded dark stained fence.</p> <p>Condition Excellent Integrity Intact</p> <p>Threats Key elements Group of buildings</p> <p>Designer John Reid of Keith Reid & Joh</p>	

HISTORY This house was built by Merchant Builders using a design by John Reid of the firm Keith & John R Reid Architects. The design won Merchant Builders Pty Ltd Systems House Competition's second prize in 1972. This is the prototype house, but a number were built throughout the suburbs. [1]

It compares to other Merchant Builders & Reid designs, which include:

- Merchant Builders Display Houses (former), 18-22 Olympus Drive, Lower Templestowe (1968)
- Merchant Builders Display Houses (former), 412-418 Porter Street and 1-7 & 4-12 Beverley Hills Drive, Templestowe (1987-89)
- Winter Park, 137-141 High Street, Doncaster (1970-74)
- 7 Ranleigh Rise, Lower Templestowe

SOURCES

[1] Womans' Day 23 October 1972; John Reid, letter to Richard Peterson, 28 February 1991.

Creation Date c1972

Change Dates

Associations

Local Themes

Merchant Builders, John Reid

8.02 - Architects

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE Of regional significance as the prototype of an influential and well designed project house exploring the system concept for Merchant Builders, and designed by John Reid of Keith Reid & John R. Reid Architects in 1972.

LEVEL

RECOMMENDATIONS

Heritage Register Listings

Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
None Specified			

Extent

Heritage Schedule

External Paint Controls:	On VHR:	VHR Ref No:
Internal Alteration Controls:	Prohibited Uses:	
Tree Controls:	Aboriginal Heritage Place:	
Outbuildings or Fences:	Incorporated Plan:	Incorporated Plan Details
Description:		

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