

SUNNINGDALE

Place No. 312

ADDRESS 16 Old Warrandyte Road
Donvale

Last Update

DESCRIPTION A high gable roof, of terracotta flat pantiles, covers the rich orange brick of this distinguished, comfortable design. There are two dormer windows, one a gable with small panes, and the other a skillion with diamond-paned casements. There is an inset verandah on the left and what is possibly a later brick addition set well back. The chimney capping is moulded sandstone. The mature garden is contemporary with the house. The front boundary is set well back from the road, secluded behind a pine plantation. It is one of a group of four houses by Meldrum nearby of this date.

Condition Excellent **Integrity** Intact
Threats Road widening, subdivision **Key elements**
Designer Percy H. Meldrum, Meldrum

HISTORY The house was designed by Percy H. Meldrum of Meldrum & Noad. Tenders were advertised in 1941 (when the location was given as Doncaster East). The owner was Frank Green, a printer. His name only appears in the directories from 1950 to 1958/9.

The other three Meldrum houses in this precinct are quite different. They are situated at No. 4 Cat Jump Road and 15 & 21 Old Warrandyte Road (refer to separate citations in this Study). There is no comparable house in the City. The houses of English Arts & Crafts Movement architect, Phillip Webb, are relevant.

SOURCES

Australian Architectural Index; Sands & MacDougalls Directories 1941-60; Richard Meldrum, pers. comm.

Creation Date 1941

Change Dates

Associations

Local Themes

8.02 - Architects

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE Probably of State architectural significance as an important, most accomplished yet very comfortable, house design of Percy H. Meldrum of 1941. Conservative, but well detailed and with careful use of materials and setting. It is particularly intact including the garden and context, and one of a group by Meldrum of this period, all (but one) of which are intact.

(Needs further inspection to clarify level of significance.)

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:

Conservation Management

Extra Research

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