

Balwyn Road Residential Precinct
Place Citation

5 Balwyn Road, Canterbury

Name	<i>Tembani</i>		
Place	Residential		
Type			
Date	1917	Survey Date	Dec 2005
Architect	Not known	Previous Grading	D
Builder	R Nicholson	Grading	D



Intactness ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor

Heritage ☐ HV ☐ AHC ☐ NT ☐ BPS Heritage Overlay

History

This site was part of Ernst Carter's Heathfield Estate, which extended from Canterbury Road to Erica Street on the west side of Balwyn Road. It was subdivided in 1884. The site corresponds to allotment 10, which was purchased by Harriet Ann Bennett in late 1887.¹

The land was used by the adjacent St Duthus School for some years while it was a vacant site. In 1917, the existing house was built for Mrs J Robinson. It was described as a 7 room brick and tile building.²

In 1943, Mrs Andrew Duncan moved to the property from 9 Balwyn Road after the death of her husband. She named the house *Tembani*, which had been the name of her previous home. Her daughter lived at the site until 1952.³

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- 1 R Da Costa-Adams, information derived from Certificate of Title, vol. 1963/fol. 251
2 R Da Costa-Adams, 'Notes of Balwyn Road, Canterbury Heritage Precinct'
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Description & Integrity

The house is a single storey, red brick Bungalow with attic level. The gable roof has a main ridge parallel to the street with an intersecting gable fronting the street. The cladding is terracotta tiles with decorative ridge capping and finials. The gable ends are clad in weatherboards.

The porch has square timber posts and curved, decorative brackets. The high red brick boundary fence is modern.

Statement of Significance

One of several houses constructed during the mid-1910s, at the end the second major period of development in the precinct, the Federation Period. This Bungalow Style house is mostly intact externally.

Grading and Recommendations

The site is part of the identified Balwyn Road Residential Precinct, which is recommended for inclusion within the Schedule to the Heritage Overlay.

Identified By

G Butler, 'Camberwell Conservation Study', 1991, vol 5, p7

References

G Butler, 'Camberwell Conservation Study', 1991

R Da Costa-Adams, 'Notes of Balwyn Road, Canterbury Heritage Precinct', January 2006