

Balwyn Road Residential Precinct  
Place Citation

## 15 Balwyn Road, Canterbury

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Name	<i>Talma</i>		
Place	Residential		
Type			
Date	c1890	Survey Date	Dec 2005
Architect	Not known	Previous Grading	C-D
Builder	Not known	Grading	C

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Intactness ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor

Heritage ☐ HV ☐ AHC ☐ NT ☐ BPS Heritage Overlay

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### 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 is on allotment 16, which was conveyed to Henry Martin on 2 December 1885 (along with allotment 17 on Balwyn Road and allotments 19-21 to Boronia Street).<sup>1</sup>

The house was built for Henry Martin c1890. Following Martin's death in 1897, the site was sold to Jessie Monteath along with the adjoining allotment 21 in Boronia Street (allotments 17, 19 and 20 had been sold in 1887 to the Wesleyan Church). In 1901, Charles Monteath was the owner of the site.<sup>2</sup> By 1905, the house was identified as *Mount Ida* and there were two small timber outbuildings to the rear.<sup>3</sup>

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- 1 R Da Costa-Adams, information derived from Certificate of Title, vol. 1776/fol. 029
  - 2 Camberwell rate books cited in R Da Costa-Adams, 'Notes of Balwyn Road, Canterbury Heritage Precinct'
  - 3 MMBW detail plan no. 1996 (1905)

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Allotment 21 to Boronia Street was sold in 1920, and the remaining allotment (16) was sold in 1930.

Additions to the rear, designed by architects, John Wardle & Associates were constructed during the late 1980s - early 1990s.<sup>4</sup> The site has also been renamed as *Talma*.

### **Description & Integrity**

This block fronted, single storey, Victorian era weatherboard house has a hip roof of corrugated sheet metal cladding. The rendered chimneys have ornamented capping. There are paired decorative timber brackets to the eaves.

The verandah extends across the front of the house and is supported on cast iron columns. The cast iron frieze with a Rose, Thistle and Crown pattern was manufactured at the former C Monteath & Sons foundry in Moray Street North, South Melbourne.<sup>5</sup>

The front fence is timber picket.

### **Statement of Significance**

One of several (originally) modest, late Victorian era houses which represent the first major period of development in the precinct. The house is mostly intact externally, is one of the few timber buildings in the precinct, and is distinguished by the cast iron detailing of the verandah.

### **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  
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4 R Da Costa-Adams, 'Notes of Balwyn Road, Canterbury Heritage Precinct'  
5 R Da Costa-Adams, 'Notes of Balwyn Road, Canterbury Heritage Precinct'. The design was reportedly produced to commemorate Queen Victoria's Jubilee, presumably her golden jubilee of 1887.