

Balwyn Road Residential Precinct  
Place Citation

## 21 Balwyn Road, Canterbury

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Name	Narooma		
Place	Residential		
Type			
Date	1932	Survey Date	Dec 2005
Architect	R M & M H King	Previous	D
		Grading	
Builder	Pepper & Chensworth	Grading	C

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Intactness ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor

Heritage ☐ HV ☐ AHC ☐ NT ☐ BPS Heritage Overlay

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### History

One of the earliest houses in the precinct, *Heathfield*, previously stood on the site. It had been built some time before 1882, when it was depicted in a watercolour entitled 'Canterbury 1882' by the artist William Tibbits. At that time it was the only house on the west side of Balwyn Road within the precinct.

John Merret (or Merritt), market gardener, purchased allotment 75 from Ernst Carter's Heathfield Estate subdivision in April 1886, along with a nearby allotment, no 72, in Erica Street. By the turn of the century, a small weatherboard house of four rooms had been constructed on the site.<sup>1</sup> It had a verandah to both the front and rear and was well set back from the street.<sup>2</sup>

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1 1901-02 rate book entry cited in R Da Costa-Adams, 'Notes of Balwyn Road, Canterbury Heritage Precinct'

2 MMBW plan no 71 and detail plan no 1996 (1905)

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The site was purchased by Kenneth Doery in 1927. Subsequently the original house was demolished to make way for the existing house. Kenneth was the son of Harriet and Edward Doery of 35 Balwyn Road. The existing house was commenced immediately after the completion of his parents' new house. The same architects and builders were responsible for both buildings.<sup>3</sup> The architects, R M & M H King, also designed several other substantial homes in the City of Boroondara. The house remains in the ownership of the Doery family.

### **Description & Integrity**

This part single and two storey house has been designed in the Tudor Revival style. The rendered walls are painted white and are set on a face brick base. The hip and gable roof is clad in glazed tiles and there is decorative timber strapping to the upper part of the gable end. The house is distinguished by the unusual treatment of the ground floor window opening in the gable end which is recessed and defined by varying sized quoining. The planter box in front has similar treatment. The form of the simple timber brackets to the front porch is echoed in the small faceted window frames in the wall immediately behind.

The existing timber-framed car port is of similar style to the house as is the low timber fence to the front boundary.

### **Statement of Significance**

One of several Interwar houses which represent the third major phase of construction in the precinct. The distinctive Tudor Revival style house was designed by the architects, R M & M H King, and is largely intact.

### **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  
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