

Balwyn Road Residential Precinct  
Place Citation

## 22 Balwyn Road, Canterbury

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Name	<i>The Lodge</i>		
Place	Residential		
Type			
Date	c1925	Survey Date	Dec 2005
Architect	Not known	Previous	C
		Grading	
Builder	S W Probert	Grading	C

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**Intactness**    ☒ Good    ☐ Fair    ☐ Poor

**Heritage**    ☐ HV    ☐ AHC    ☐ NT    ☐ BPS Heritage Overlay

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### History

The site was originally part of the Shrublands Estate and became excised with Hindson's subdivision of 1923. The site was purchased in 1924 by John Shields Reid. The 10 room house was built c1925 by S W Probert at a cost of £3,000.<sup>1</sup>

The property was purchased (date unknown) by the Church of England and the building became the home of the warden of the adjacent St John's Home for Boys. Land at the rear was used to expand the playing fields for the boys. One of the wardens, Rev Neale Molloy, lived there with his family for more than 30 years.<sup>2</sup>

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- 1    Rate book entires cited in R Da Costa-Adams, 'Notes of Balwyn Road, Canterbury Heritage Precinct'
- 2    R Da Costa-Adams, 'Notes of Balwyn Road, Canterbury Heritage Precinct'

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#### **Description & Integrity**

This two storey rendered masonry building is an example of the Mediterranean Style, which is uncommon in Melbourne. The Prime Minister's home in Canberra (also known as The Lodge), which was designed by the noted architects Oakley & Parkes was possibly the precedent for this building as it is designed in a similar style.

The building is distinguished by a central, arched porch with iron balustrading to the balcony above. The decorative windows have diamond glazing bars and the larger openings have louvred shutters.

#### **Statement of Significance**

One of several Interwar Period houses, which represent the third major period of development in the precinct. The Mediterranean style house, which is largely intact externally, is a good example of a style which is uncommon in Melbourne. The design may have been based on its Canberran namesake.

#### **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