

Balwyn Road Residential Precinct  
Place Citation

32 Balwyn Road, Canterbury

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Name	Not known	Survey Date	Dec 2005
Place	Residential	Previous Grading	Not graded
Type		Grading	D
Date	c1950s		
Architect	Marcus Martin		
Builder	Not known		

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Intactness  Good  Fair  Poor

Heritage  HV  AHC  NT  BPS Heritage Overlay

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**History**

The site was part of Carter's 1883 subdivision of the Shrublands Estate. The site corresponds to part of allotment 21, which was purchased by Frederick Werrett in 1889.<sup>1</sup> Subsequent to Werrett, the property was owned by Thomas Plante (1903-1911), Dr William Moore (1911-1927) and Mrs Wragg from 1927.

Allotment 21 was part of the holdings associated with 30 Balwyn Road until 1957, when the existing parcel of land was created.<sup>2</sup> The existing house was constructed for Mrs G W Wragg whilst she lived at 30 Balwyn Road. It was designed by the noted architect, Marcus Martin in 1957. Martin is particularly noted for his restrained examples of the Mediterranean style. Previously there had been a croquet lawn on this land.<sup>3</sup>

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- 1 R Da Costa-Adams, 'Notes of Balwyn Road, Canterbury Heritage Precinct', *Certificate of Title* vol 2120/fol 983
  - 2 Subdivision Plan LP35692
  - 3 R Da Costa-Adams, 'Notes of Balwyn Road, Canterbury Heritage Precinct'

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### **Description & Integrity**

The single storey, orange brick building has an asymmetric façade. The form is asymmetric with a projecting bay and offset porch. The porch has square timber posts and has a flat roof clad in profile sheet metal. The windows are timber framed double hung sash - those to the porch have screens and there is a corner window to the projecting bay.

The gable roof is clad in cement tiles and there are three chimneys with some restrained cap articulation. There is a timber vent to the apex of the front gable.

### **Statement of Significance**

One of several houses constructed post WWII and is representative of a lesser phase of development in the precinct, which extends to the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The intact single storey house is a modest, later work by the notable architect, Marcus Martin.

### **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**

RBA Architects + Conservation Consultants Pty Ltd

### **References**

G Butler, 'Camberwell Conservation Study', 1991  
R Da Costa-Adams, 'Notes of Balwyn Road, Canterbury Heritage Precinct', January 2006  
Subdivision Plan LP35692