What is significant?

The house at 336 Riversdale Road, Hawthorn East built 1908 in the Federation Queen Anne style is significant.

How is it significant?

336 Riversdale Road, Hawthorn East is of local historic, aesthetic and architectural significance to the City of Boroondara.

Why is it significant?

336 Riversdale Road, Hawthorn East built in 1908 on part of Mornane’s Paddock Estate for Edith Maud Kingston is historically significant. The development of estates such as Mornane’s Paddock was encouraged by the improved transport along Riversdale Road provided by the horse tramway from 1890 and the extension of the Hawthorn-Lilydale railway line from 1882. Despite transport being available from the late nineteenth century, development was often delayed or sporadic because of the economic depression. 336 Riversdale Road is part of the resurgence in housing development in the early decades of the twentieth century. (Criterion A)

336 Riversdale Road, Hawthorn East is significant as a timber Federation Queen Anne villa characterised by a formal and symmetrical composition. It combines elements of the Queen Anne style such as the double gable frontage with the more unusual element of a verandah. Although the Federation/Queen Anne is represented widely in Boroondara it is less commonly expressed in timber than in masonry, and the double gable front appears to be rarely combined with a verandah, whereas a porch is more common. The house is also distinguished by its high level of integrity and low level of alterations. (Criterion D)

336 Riverdale Road, Hawthorn East is aesthetically significant for its timber construction evidenced by the shiplap weatherboard cladding. Its Queen Anne characteristics are demonstrated through its symmetrical double gables in roughcast render with unusual fretwork motifs, porch lattice fretwork
and, more uncharacteristically, a return verandah. Other significant elements include the original door and window joinery and the red and cream brick chimneys. (Criterion E)

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