

15 Park Crescent, Aberfeldie Statement of Significance April 2021

Heritage Place:	The Barn (former)	PS ref no:	HO469
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15 Park Crescent, Aberfeldie, principal elevation (April 2018). (Source: Context, 2018)

What is significant?

The house, originally called 'The Barn' and currently known as 'Aldebaran', at 15 Park Crescent, Aberfeldie, is significant. It was designed by architect J H Esmond Dorney for Albert and Eva Perry c1940.

The significant fabric includes the:

- original built form, roof form and fenestrations;
- roof tiles, chimney and dormer windows;
- half-timber detailing, unpainted brickwork and leaded glass;
- entry porch with heavy timber post;
- low clinker brick fence to Park Crescent and Combermere Street; and
- brick front fence.

The timber fences, small rear extension and converted garage are not significant.

How is it significant?

15 Park Crescent is of local architectural (representative), and aesthetic significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

Why is it significant?

The house at 15 Park Crescent, Aberfeldie, is a fine and intact example of an Old English house. It displays characteristic features of this style as it was seen in the 1930s, including walls of clinker face brick, a steeply pitched tiled roof incorporating a half-timbered gable, prominent external chimney, diamond leadlight windows, and front porch with a heavy timber post tucked in a corner. (Criterion D)

While modest in scale, the house is distinguished by the skill in which it is massed, and the skilful juxtaposition of decorative detail exemplified by the picturesque front gable with irregular half-timbering to emulate timber cruck construction, the shouldered external chimney breast with an arched niche, and an arched window beneath a steep hood. The presentation of the house is enhanced by its deep triangular garden setback and its original brick front fence. (Criterion E)

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