



Victorian Heritage Database Report  
**Folly Farm**

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**Location:**

13 Cards Lane (Falls Road), Olinda VIC 3788 - Property No 74534

**Heritage Status / Level of Significance:**

Included in Heritage Overlay

**Heritage Inventory (HI) Number:**

**Listing Authority: HI**

**Heritage Overlay Number: HO74**

**Statement of Significance:**

A garden designed by the famous landscape architect, the late Miss Edna Walling, and constructed by the famous landscape gardener, the late Mr. Ellis Stones - is an excellent example of their work. (Tansley, 1978)

Folly Farm is important as an example of the style of the renowned garden designer, Edna Walling, exhibiting the following characteristics of her style: a natural planting style with mixed shrub and tree groups; subdued use of coloured flowers; spaces defined by curved beds of mass shrub planting; subtle use of plant textures and form to create aesthetic effects; and, use of natural stone for paving and walls with absence of man made modern elements (Criterion D.2). The Garden is important for exhibiting artistic excellence by the following: the reliance on leaf and trunk colour and texture and plant form for distinctive scenery composition; the contribution of the natural design with curving lines, flowing lawns and scalloped shrubberies to the garden aesthetic; and, the linking between the driveway, the main garden and the Parkland (Criterion F.1). The Garden is important for exhibiting a richness of garden cultural features as follows: a long winding richly planted driveway; use of natural rock outcrops; stone paving; dry stone walls and restrained flower colours (Criterion A.3). (RNE, 005698)

## Description

Built in 1912. The garden was designed by Edna Walling and constructed by Ellis Stones. The 11-1/4 acre property contains a cottage; domestic garden; an outer garden; and a 7 acre grazing paddock. (Tansley, 1978)

Heritage Study / Consultant	Yarra Ranges - Shire of Yarra Ranges Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2000
Construction Date Range	1912 - 1912
Architect / Designer	Walling, Edna, Stones, Ellis
Municipality	YARRA RANGES SHIRE
Other names	
Hermes number	115322
Property number	74534

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