

Victorian Heritage Database Report  
**Willowbank**

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**Location:**

16 CRESTWAY LILYDALE, YARRA RANGES SHIRE

**Heritage Status / Level of Significance:**

Included in Heritage Overlay

**Heritage Inventory (HI) Number:**

**Listing Authority:** HI

**Heritage Overlay Number:** HO439

**Statement of Significance:**

What is significant? The property at 16 Crestway, Lilydale (otherwise known as Willowbank), is significant. Specifically, the form, scale, siting and detailing of the Edwardian style residence is of local significance. The front boundary fence, swimming pool, garage and later alterations and additions are not significant. How is it significant? Willowbank is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the township of Lilydale and Yarra Ranges Council more broadly. It also has associative significance with the Poyner family. Why is it significant?

Willowbank is a single storey brick residence built in an Edwardian style. Willowbank has associative significance as a house constructed for Joseph Moore Poyner and Elizabeth Ada Poyner, members of the locally prominent Poyner family. The property's grounds also formerly belonged to Edward Moore Poyner, an early pioneer of the district. Willowbank is historically significant to the township of Lilydale as an early twentieth century homestead constructed for a prominent local district family on a substantial farming estate prior to suburban development. As a property that formerly operated as a dairy farm, it is also illustrative of the major dairy farming industry that was prominent in the Lilydale district during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. (Criterion A) Willowbank is aesthetically significant as an elegant example of an Edwardian residence. Key features contributing to its aesthetic value include its unique siting on a north-east axis, the single storey scale, return verandah with cast iron posts, tessellated tiles and decorative brackets and fretwork, original timber windows and associated joinery, front door and door light, and roof features including the Dutch gable, decorative gable end with timber panelling and finial, and rendered corbelled brick chimneys. These elements give it a formal and refined character, and its placement on a raised slope above street level further contributes to the building's visual prominence within the streetscape. (Criterion E)

Heritage Study / Consultant	Lilydale Heritage Gap Study - Citations 2023, Extent Heritage Pty Ltd, 2023
Construction Date Range	
Architect / Designer	
Municipality	YARRA RANGES SHIRE
Other names	
Hermes number	212975
Property number	

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