

## 521 Heidelberg Road, Alphington (Residence) Statement of Significance, September 2021

<b>Heritage Place:</b>	521 Heidelberg Road, Alphington	<b>PS ref no:</b>	HO325
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### What is significant?

521 Heidelberg Road, Alphington, a single storey brick residence built c.1941 for Vincent J. O'Meara, is significant.

Significant fabric includes the:

- original built form, roof and scale;
- unpainted brick surfaces and decorative brickwork, pattern of fenestration;
- arched entrance portico, chimney, timber window joinery; and
- low brick fence with brick pillars.

### How is it significant?

521 Heidelberg Road, Alphington, is of local historic and representative significance to the City of Darebin

### Why is it significant?

521 Heidelberg Road, Alphington, built c.1941, is of historic significance as a later example of interwar residential development in Darebin. The building reflects the transitional period between the gradual growth and elevated status of the area in the interwar period to the massive growth and suburban expansion that characterises its post-war development. (Criterion A)

The house demonstrates key characteristics of the interwar Old English style that was popularised in suburban domestic architecture in the interwar period including its stepped projecting gabled portico, decorative brickwork and tripartite timber framed windows. The style is relatively underrepresented within Heritage Overlay to the City of Darebin planning scheme. It is a modest but architecturally refined and highly intact example of the Old English style, enhanced by extant garden elements including the original front fence, and unsealed driveway. (Criterion D)

### Primary source

Context Heidelberg Road Heritage Assessment report- Final Report, September 2020

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