

## **2465 Point Nepean Road, Rye**

### **Mornington Peninsula Shire Council, 2011**

#### **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The evidence for this statement is based on the history and description documented in the report: *Heritage Assessment 2461, 2463 and 2465 Point Nepean Road, Rye*, Heritage Intelligence, 22 May 2009

The house and palm trees at 2465 Point Nepean Road are **aesthetically and historically significant at a local level** as a rare example of a Federation era concrete block development and the tourism theme for about 100 years.

The house at 2465 Point Nepean Road was constructed c 1914, after the demise of the lime quarry businesses in the area, and it is a rare example of the concrete block construction method that replaced the use of limestone around 1900 in Rye. The house is designed in a conservative symmetrical style derived from the Georgian influenced cottages of the Victorian era, with quoins made from concrete blocks set in reverse.

The two tall palm trees are aesthetically significant as ‘architectural’ focal points in the streetscape and for their dramatic framing of the Federation era house.

The house and palms are historically significant as a relatively intact representative example of the tourism theme of the Federation era right opposite the beach, along Point Nepean Road, Rye. There were only ever a small numbers of solid well built holiday houses in Rye and this is a very good example.

The house is also significant for its historical associations with the early Rye families of Thompson, and Rowley, as well as the Palmer family from 1930s and Grenda families from 1973. (AHC A4, B2, E1)