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### Thank you for nominating a place.

We have received your nomination. We'll be in contact with you if we require any more details.

Below is a copy of the submission for your records.

### Step 1 Nominator

**First name**

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**I am**

A community member

### Step 2 Place details

**Name of place (if applicable / known)**

15 Valencia Street, Sunnybank

**Street number**

15

**Street address**

Valencia Street

**Suburb**  
Sunnybank

**Postcode**  
4109

## **Step 3 Place criteria**

### **Historical, Criterion A**

**Historical**  
Yes

#### **Justification**

In the early 1950's, the land between Breton Street, Troughton Road and Boundary Road was subdivided into ten acre blocks. The 'Dutch Houses' were built around some of the existing homes on these blocks.

After WWII, throughout Australia, there were severe shortages of housing, building materials and skilled tradesmen. The Queensland Government, through the Queensland Housing Commission, purchased much of the above land to construct dwellings close to the railway. The design of the houses are of Dutch origin, but not typical of domestic Dutch architecture. A broadly consistent floor plan with variations of 2 or 3 bedrooms was followed. Some local labourers were employed, too. After 3 & 1/2 years, 300 houses were built, but another 700 intended houses were not because the company went bankrupt. Seepage from underground springs proved to be a problem. The short-comings of their design and construction stand as a reminder of the importance of local knowledge for successful sustainable construction.

### **Rarity, Criterion B**

**Rarity**  
Yes

#### **Justification**

Almost all of the Dutch Houses stand on what is now the Cornerstone Living development, owned by Consolidated Properties. Only about 13 of them remain that retain their original external appearance.

### **Scientific, Criterion C**

**Scientific**  
No

### **Representative, Criterion D**

## **Representative**

Yes

## **Justification**

Of these 13 houses, the two best unadapted examples are: # 9 Mac Devitt Street, which houses the Oxley Creek Catchment Association... and #15 [Valencia Street, Sunnybank](#) (across from Troughton Road), which is rented out by the Queensland State Government, according to information from State MP Peter Russo's office. These houses retain their original shingle roofs and double-hung, wooden windows.

## **Aesthetic, Criterion E**

### **Aesthetic**

Yes

### **Justification**

[86 Troughton Road, Coopers Plains](#) has a delightful jacaranda tree at the back overhanging a typical Aussie back yard of the period, complete with outhouse and Hills Hoist.

## **Technical, Criterion F**

### **Technical**

No

## **Social, Criterion G**

### **Social**

Yes

### **Justification**

There is a less original Dutch House adjoining the Cornerstone Living Community Garden on [86 Troughton Road](#) which stands empty after an unfulfilled intention to provide community space. This house is in a more ideal position in terms of public accessibility, visibility and potential for a cafe, supplied by the garden.

## **Historical association, Criterion H**

### **Historical association**

Yes

### **Justification**

The Dutch Company, William Schumacher Pty provided the workforce and materials and an Australian company, Concrete Developments P/L, which signed the contract with the Queensland Housing Commission, provided financial input. Dutch (& some English) tradesmen and labourers were contracted for 2 years and brought out with migration options.