

DESCRIPTION

A particularly intact, rendered concrete, double-fronted, Californian Bungalow. Major and minor gables face the street: the minor gable projects over a recessed porch, supported on concrete tapered pylons, over tapered bases. The timbered, roughcast upper gables project deeply, supported on timber brackets. The major gable has a large timber vent. The lower gables are shingled, splaying at their base, supported on corbelled masonry and small triple brackets. Barges terminate as arrow heads. Tripartite windows project on concrete brackets, Upper lights are leadlight, the central light has a curved glazing bar. The small light at the entry depicts a sailing ship. The wrought iron flywire screen door (1940s?) depicts a peacock/rising sun motif. The fence is concrete-block, with a capping and rusticated insert panels with the original timber gate, its brass furniture intact. The chimney is red brick with a decorative render frieze. The attic addition is recent, but inconspicuous. Paint colours are appropriate.

HISTORY

Leon Lucas, fitter, was the first owner/occupier in 1926 of the rendered, double storey Californian Bungalow at 383 Pakington Street³⁴¹. Leon R. Lucas was listed as an engineer in the 1950s and 1960s, when he was owner/occupier still of the dwelling at 383 Pakington Street³⁴².

SIGNIFICANCE

Built in 1926 for Leon Lucas, fitter and later engineer, this house has regional historical significance as one of the Californian Bungalows constructed for affluent local businessmen and, like the Edwardian and earlier villas, often on elevated sites. It has regional architectural significance as a characteristic and particularly intact Californian Bungalow and in early instance of the use of the locally manufactured material, concrete, in domestic construction.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Existing Listings	NONE	
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341. Newtown rate book 1926 No 1550.

342. Ibid 1960 No 1819.