

PLACE NAME: CHESTERFIELD (former residence J.P. McCabe Doyle)  
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: CITY OF NEWTOWN

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)**

STYLE OR PERIOD: Edwardian

**ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN:**

Reference: Aitken, R., "Edwardian Geelong: An Architectural Introduction, pp. 17, 18, 29.

**BUILDER:** J.C. Taylor and Sons, Geelong  
 Reference: Laird and Buchan Contract Book.

**PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES** R.J. Haddon,

Reference: architect, was engaged to design this residence in association with Laird and Buchan - Aitken, p.29.

**TENDER NOTICE:**  
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**DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION** Contract signed  
 Reference: 23 January 1909 - Laird and Buchan Contract Book.

**ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE** £1695.

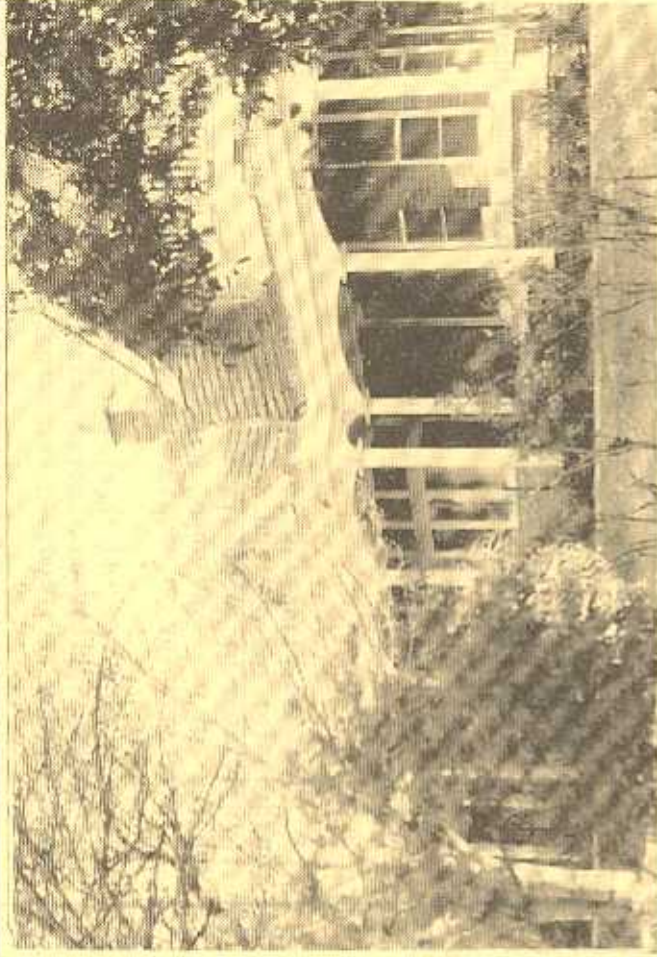
**SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS**

The residence has now been converted to a private nursing home and the interior substantially refitted. The exterior, despite fire escapes, is essentially intact.

**ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S)** J.P. McCabe Doyle

**SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS**

**OTHER NOTES** This building was designed by noted architect Art Noveau stylist and picturesque exponent, Robert J. Haddon of Melbourne.



NEGATIVE FILE:

Australian Heritage Commission Register of National Estate

National Trust of Aust. (Vic) Classified/Recorded File No. ....

Historic Buildings Preservation Council Register No. .... File No. ....

Geelong Regional Commission Register No. 320

**IDENTIFICATION DATA**

PLACE NAME: Chesterfield  
 ADDRESS: 345 Shannon Avenue, Newtown 3220

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: City of Newtown and Chilwell  
 TITLE INFORMATION:

**MAP REFERENCE**

PRESENT USE: Private Hospital  
 PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE: Carmak Nominees P/L.,  
 ADDRESS: 52a Dendy St., Brighton TELEPHONE:

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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

Aitken, Richard "Edwardian Geelong : An Architectural Introduction", Deakin University, Geelong, 1979, pp. 17, 18, 29.

Saunders, David "Domestic Styles of Australia's Federation Queen Anne and the Balcony Style", Architecture in Australia, August 1969, pp. 655-662 for helpful discussion of stylistic origins.

Geelong Historical Records Centre  
 Contract Book 1909-1910  
 Cash Book 1909-1910.

Laird and Buchan  
 Cyclopedia of Victoria, Niven & Co., Melbourne, Vol. 2, 1904, p. 452, biography of John Angus Laird.

Smith, James (ed)  
 "Robert Haddon 1866-1929"  
 History of Australian Architecture University of Melbourne, 1966.

Wee, D.K.P.  
 "Robert Haddon" Investigation Project Department of Architecture, University of Melbourne 1981 - for details of career of R.J. Haddon.

Hunter, Ros.

CITATION The Federation Queen Anne style villa now known as "Chesterfield" was erected in 1909-1910 for J.P. McCabe Doyle from designs prepared by Geelong architects, Laird, and Buchan in association with fashionable and avant-garde Melbourne designer Robert J. Haddon. The residence is a distinctive example of this popular early 20th century style in Geelong and a noted pre-war work of the now long established firm of Laird and Buchan. The picturesque qualities are reinforced by the use of complex roof forms, timber decoration and encircling verandahs.

SIGNIFICANCE OF PLACE

- its creative and/or technical accomplishment
- its demonstration of a way of life, custom, process or function no longer practised
- in danger of being lost or of exceptional interest
- its strong association with an important figure or figures, development, or cultural phase
- its townscape and/or landscape value
- its scarcity value

SIGNIFICANCE

- LOCAL  REGIONAL  STATE  NATIONAL  WORLD

CONDITION

- EXCELLENT  GOOD  FAIR  DETERIORATED  RUINS

INTEGRITY

- HIGH  LOW  ALTERED  DAMAGED

RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES  
 Geelong Regional Commission Register

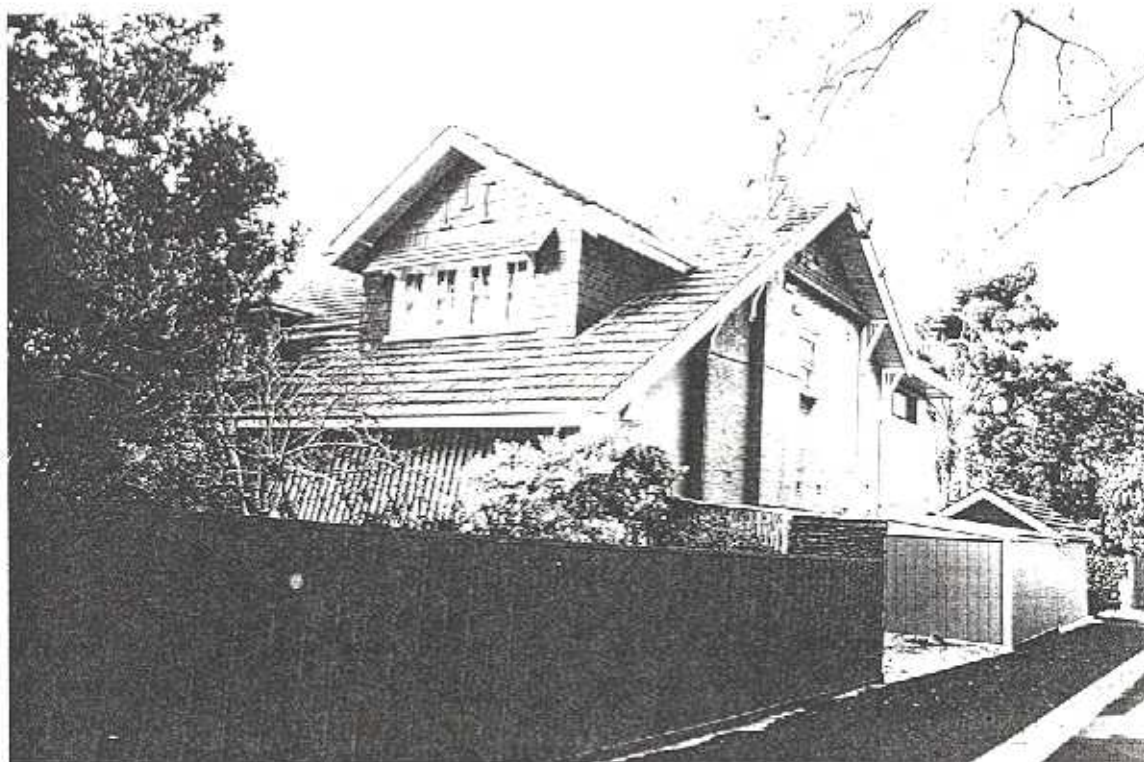
DOCUMENTATION - Allan Willingham, Architect, 151 McKeen St., North Fitzroy. 3068. Tel: 03 489 8492.

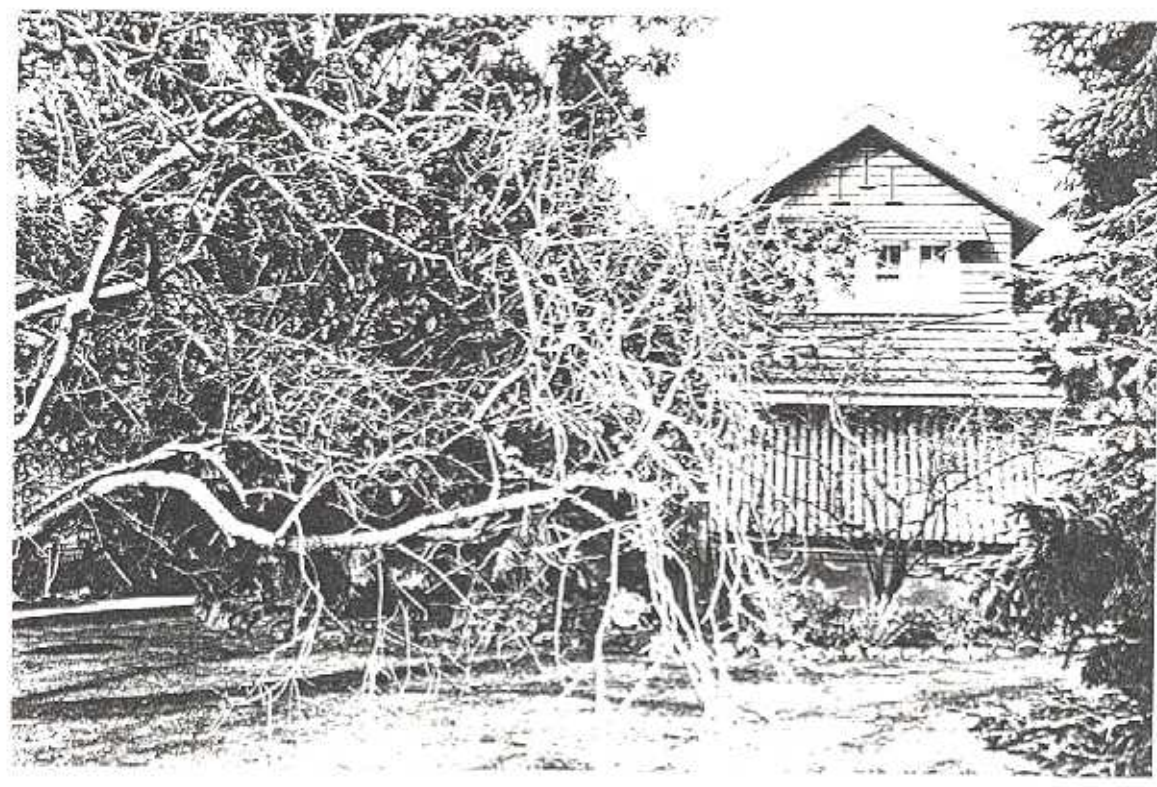
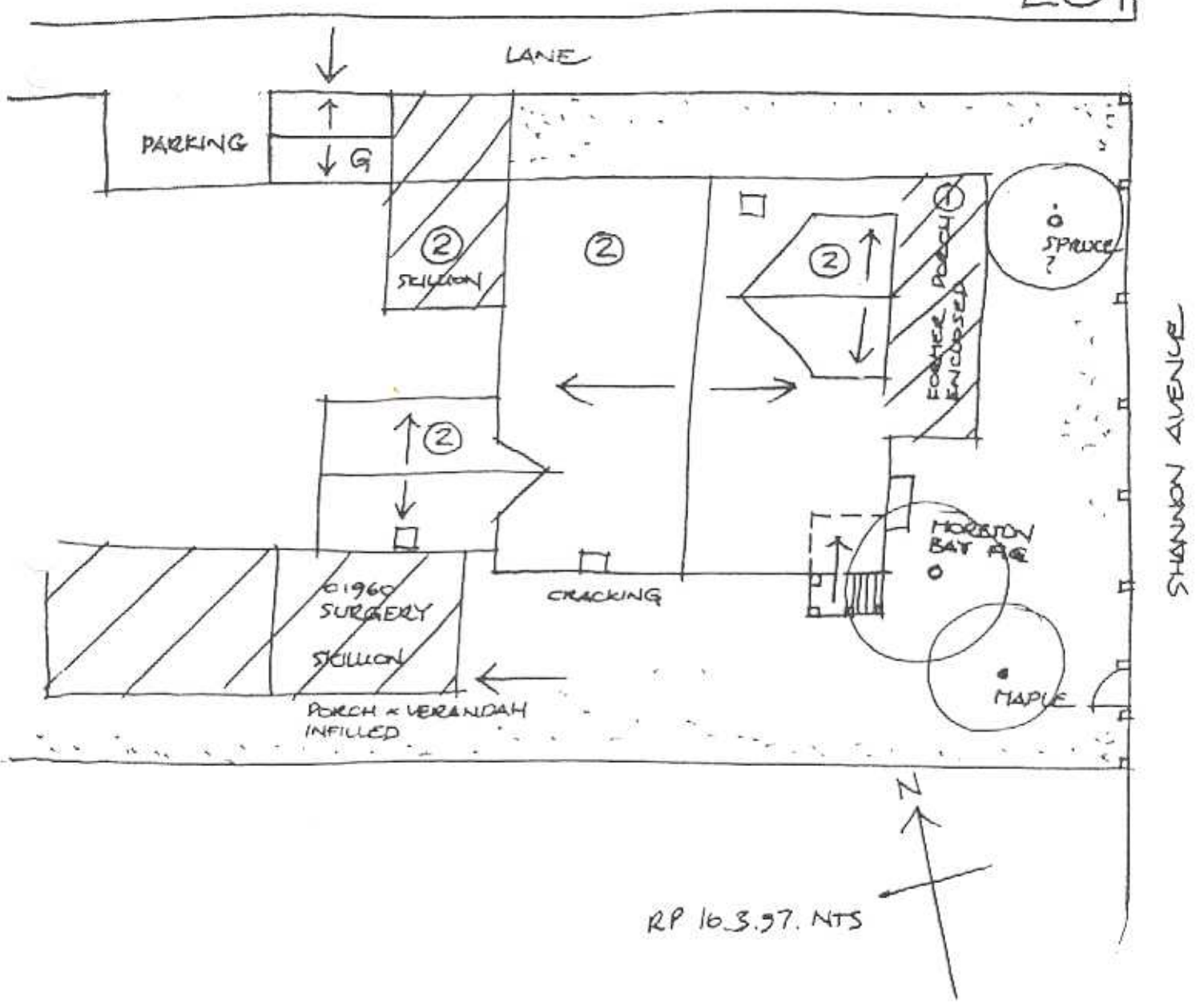
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**NEWTOWN URBAN CONSERVATION STUDY. - 'C' CITATIONS. Ref: 201**

Richard Peterson Architect & Conservation Consultant. 1997.

<b>NAME:</b> Dr Bruce H Guaran	
<b>ADDRESS:</b> 346 Shannon Avenue.	
<b>USE:</b> House & surgery	
<b>PREVIOUS USE:</b> House	
<b>SIGNIFICANT DATE:</b>	<b>CONSTRUCTION DATE:</b> 1924 <b>SOURCE:</b> 1
<b>DESIGNER:</b> —	<b>BUILDER:</b> Frank Apted
<b>CRITERIA:</b> H1; Ar1	<b>HISTORIC THEME:</b> 2.3
<b>DESCRIPTION:</b> STYLE: Bungalow	<b>STORIES:</b> 2 <b>DETACHED.</b>
<b>MATERIALS:</b> WALLS Roughcast	<b>ROOF:</b> Tiles <b>STRUCTURE:</b> Lb
<b>CONDITION:</b> Good <b>INTACTNESS:</b> Good <b>THREATS:</b> Soil movement, traffic	
<b>SIGNIFICANT INTACT ELEMENTS:</b>	
MATERIALS. Cinderete & tiles. FORM. FACADE. ROOF FORM. GABLE DECORATION. CHIMNEYS. WINDOWS. OUTBUILDING. FENCE. GATES. CONTEXT Nos: 344 etc. TREES.	
<b>SIGNIFICANCE:</b>	
<b>TYPE:</b>	HISTORICAL. ARCHITECTURAL.
<b>LEVEL:</b>	LOCAL.
<b>DESIGNATION EXISTING:</b>	PLANNING SCHEME.
<b>RECOMMENDED CONTROL:</b>	PLANNING SCHEME.
<b>OBSCURED.</b>	<b>SURVEY:</b> RP <b>DATE:</b> 16.3.1997 <b>NEGS:</b> 12,13,14; & 1279,10,11





**HISTORY:** This house was built in 1924 by Frank Apted, a builder, on land measuring 66' x 132'. That same year he bought another 68' of land, bringing the block size to 66' x 200'. In the 1930s he sold to Elder Smith & Co. who rented the house to William Monfries, a manager. By 1950 Thomas Fleetwood was the owner and occupier, but c1960 he sold the house to Mr Guaran, a medico.<sup>1</sup>

Concrete blocks made from cinder concrete or "seasoned coke breeze" of 460 X 150 X 51-150mm, were known as breeze blocks. These were introduced in Victoria by W H Swanton (later Swanton-Barrett Pty Ltd) after the Great War. This plant, in Ingles Street, Port Melbourne used cinders, a by-product of the local gas company. Plant was imported from Germany. The blocks were used in the State Savings Bank's Garden City development, various other houses and after World War II for commercial buildings and the Childrens Hospital, Melbourne. Production ended in 1975.<sup>2</sup>

**VISUAL DESCRIPTION:** A double-storey Californian Bungalow of roughcast and rendered Cinderete breeze blocks. There is a major double-storey gable across, extending forward at right as an (infilled) verandah. Roofs are clad in unusual flat terracotta tiles. An attic gable faces at front, clad with shingles, including a skillion window hood to the far sashes. Over, are three slot vents.

At rear left, a further gable projects. The former entrance porch (now infilled) is in the front left angle with an archway. Next to it at front is an oriel with a splayed spandrel on plain brackets. Next are small leadlights with C.R. Mackintosh-influenced patterns.

The fence is also Cinderete roughcast, with a mild steel pedestrian gate with curlicue decoration. Chimneys are plain roughcast expressed. At rear is a gabled garage of exposed Cinderete blocks.

**COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS:** Other Cinderete houses in Geelong include: teachers' houses at Geelong Grammar and three houses in Shannon Avenue between Queens Road and Aphasia Street.<sup>3</sup>

**SIGNIFICANCE:** A double-storey Californian Bungalow of rendered and roughcast Cinderete cinder breeze blocks built in 1924. It is architecturally significant locally as representative of this domestic style in a larger house and for its extensive use of the technologically interesting Cinderete blocks by its builder / owner. It is historically significant in embodying comfortable middle class life in Newtown in the mid-1920s.

<sup>1</sup> City of Newtown and Chilwell Ratebooks.

<sup>2</sup> From material kindly supplied by Dr Miles Lewis and conversation with Dr Bruce Guaran.

<sup>3</sup> Dr Guaran