

House, 34 Elliott Avenue.



Study Grading: C
Construction Date: 1929
First Owner: White, Cecil T. electrician

History

In 1929 a five roomed weatherboard dwelling was erected on this site at an estimated cost of £400¹. Alterations were made to the property in 1935². Cecil T. White, an electrician, was the owner-occupier and lived here until after 1974³.

Description

A typical Californian Bungalow in form (heavy verandah piers and intersecting roof gables), the house has Japanese-inspired window mullions and unusually extensive shingling to the front walls. Cement tiles to the roof and weatherboarding to the side walls are more typical of the Bungalow. The deep verandah roof fascia, flared piers and stout paired verandah posts also have Japanese connotations.

Given the Japanese influence on early Bungalow prototypes, its presence in mainstream Australian Bungalow designs lends significance above that of mere detailing.

Comparative Examples

The following Camberwell sites may be compared with this site.

354, BURKE ROAD, 1926
 92, MONT ALBERT ROAD, 1926
 14, PINE AVENUE, 1926c
 452, BURKE ROAD, 1927-28
 2, BARNSBURY ROAD, 1927
 360, BURKE ROAD, 1927
 47, CAMPBELL ROAD, 1927
 38, HICHFIELD ROAD, 1927
 1, MUSWELL HILL, 1927
 294, WARRICAL ROAD, 1927
 3, ROCHESTER ROAD, 1928-30
 7, ROCHESTER ROAD, 1928-30

1 BAC; BA 1929, 1781
 2 MMBW DPA 192966
 3 D1952; D1962; D1974; ER 1936

2, HIGHTON GROVE, 1928-9
 27, YARRBAT AVENUE, 1928-c
 21, CHRISTOWEL STREET, 1928
 26, CHRISTOWEL STREET, 1928
 17, LANSELL CRESCENT, 1928
 12, STODDART STREET, 1928
 8, CHRISTOWEL STREET, 1928c
 226, DONCASTER ROAD, 1929
 19, FAIRMONT AVENUE, 1929
 300, WARRICAL ROAD, 1929
 34, ELLIOTT AVENUE, 1929c
 15, FREEMAN STREET, 1929c

External Integrity

The front fence has gone and unrelated Victoria-era pickets used as side fences.

Streetscape Contribution

Significance

Architecturally, typical of a common Camberwell house style but it has distinctive Far Eastern detailing which links it with the Bungalow's origins prior to its export from America: of regional interest.

Historically, typical of the Camberwell tradesmen's home albeit with distinctive detailing possibly gleaned from the owner's role in the building trade also evocative of the beginning of a long population surge in the c1920-40 era: of local importance.

House, 1 Fairmont Avenue



Study Grading: C
Precinct: 28.01 **Streetscape:** 1
Construction Date: 1935
First Owner: Silk, John H
Builder: McMillan, A M

History

John Henry Silk, a merchant, contracted builder-designer, A. Mortimer McMillan, to build this 20 square home for an estimated £1550¹. It is probable that McMillan was the designer, as he appears to have been in nearby examples such as 460 Camberwell Road.

Description

The house follows the Mediterranean villa type with its textured stucco, hipped and tiled roof, arched entry, window boxes and impressive cypress Mediterranean-style garden. A corner site opposite a lamp-lit median, lends maximum exposure and the stepped masonry and stucco fence is an essential and related element to the house. The Palladian serlian motif is used here, as at 460 Camberwell Road, as a hallmark of the styles as are the scalloped 'rag' curtains.

Comparative Examples

The following Camberwell sites may be compared with this site.

9, BOSTON ROAD, 1930
 396, CAMBERWELL ROAD, 1930
 460, CAMBERWELL ROAD, 1930
 16, MUSWELL HILL, 1930
 3, BRENBAL STREET, 1930c
 177, DONCASTER ROAD, 1930c
 816-822, RIVERSDALE ROAD, 1930c
 454, WARRIGAL ROAD, 1930c
 359, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1930c
 397-399, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1930c
 497, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1930c
 35, BALWYN ROAD, 1931-2
 1292, TOORAK ROAD, 1931-2
 11, CHATFIELD AVENUE, 1932-3
 27, CHRISTOWEL STREET, 1932
 3, FINSBURY ROAD, 1932
 7, MURIEL STREET, 1932c
 4, FINSBURY WAY, 1933
 125, HIGHFIELD ROAD, 1933
 1, MAPLE CRESCENT, 1933
 14, STODDART STREET, 1933
 7, MANGAN STREET, 1933c
 11, FAIRMONT AVENUE, 1934-5
 87-87A, BOWEN STREET, 1934
 458, CAMBERWELL ROAD, 1934
 201, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1934c
 45, CHRISTOWEL STREET, 1935
 46, CHRISTOWEL STREET, 1935
 56, CHRISTOWEL STREET, 1935
 9, MARLBOROUGH AVENUE, 1935
 13, MARLBOROUGH AVENUE, 1935
 3, SALISBURY STREET, 1935
 177, GLEN IRIS ROAD, 1935c
 361, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1935c
 361, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1935c
 796-798, BURKE ROAD, 1936
 23, CHRISTOWEL STREET, 1936
 41, COOKSON STREET, 1936
 9, JUDD STREET, 1936
 49, THE RIDGE, 1936
 20, WALSH STREET, 1936
 8, REID STREET, 1937-8
 716, RIVERSDALE ROAD, 1937
 517, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1937c
 31-30, COOKSON STREET, 1938-39

311-317, CAMBERWELL ROAD, 1938
 2, FAIRMONT AVENUE, 1938
 24, FINSBURY WAY, 1938
 32, HORTENSE STREET, 1938
 4, MARLBOROUGH AVENUE, 1938
 26, REID STREET, 1938
 660, RIVERSDALE ROAD, 1938
 66, THE BOULEVARD, 1938
 136, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1938
 14, CASCADE STREET, 1939
 24, CHRISTOWEL STREET, 1939
 1, MOUNTAIN VIEW ROAD, 1939
 43, YUILLE STREET, 1939
 43, CASCADE STREET, 1939c?

External Integrity

The house may have been extended along Fairmont Street, explaining the atypical use of a skillion roof extension to the main hip, albeit in matching materials; awnings have been added.

Streetscape

The house is a major element in the important Golf Links Estate.

Significance

Architecturally, a near original and prominent example of a popular suburban villa style which contributes to an important residential precinct: of local importance and regional interest.

Historically, the first owner is typical of the class of the estate's initial population, McMillan was also a prolific builder in the suburb: of local interest.

House, 2 Fairmont Avenue



Study Grading: C

Precinct: 28.01 Streetscape: 1

Construction Date: 1938

First Owner: Greenberg, Isaac (?)

Builder: Wood, G R

¹ BA 1935, 5608; ER 1936