

History

Gus R. Wood built this seven room brick house for his own use

during 1938-9¹. The cost was estimated at 1,447 pounds. Isaac Greenburg replaced him within two years as owner- occupier, possibly indicating Wood's speculative intent².

Description

A prototype of the notorious multiple fronted brick veneer, this Moderne styled house shows its period by the stuccoed streamlining of its curved corners and the use of metal frames for its windows. Its hipped roofs overhang the walls to a greater extent than its Italianate forbearers and its windows are slots instead of slits but otherwise the asymmetrical facade and general plan form dates back to the 19th century.

This house is enhanced by its period garden and intact front fence.

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, WARRICAL 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
 1, FAIRMONT AVENUE, 1935
 9, MARLBOROUGH AVENUE, 1935
 13, MARLBOROUGH AVENUE, 1935
 3, SALISBURY STREET, 1935
 177, GLEN IRIS ROAD, 1935c
 361, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1935c
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 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
 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 is generally original except for new awnings.

Streetscape

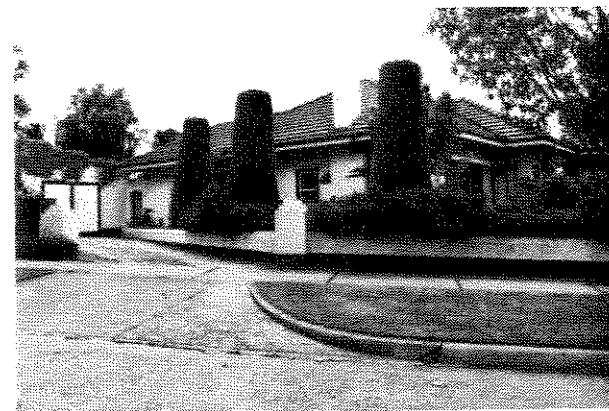
Contributing part of an important residential precinct.

Significance

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

Historically, little is known of Wood in the Camberwell context except as a probable speculative builder in the new post-war estates.

House, 11 Fairmont Avenue



Study Grading: C
 Precinct: 28.01 Streetscape: 1
 Construction Date: 1934-5
 First Owner: Ladd, Mrs Annie C
 Builder: Spargo, J P

1 BA 1938, 10464
 2 ibid.; BA 1941, 14794

History

Annie Ladd, a merchant, commissioned builder, J.P. Spargo to construct over 19 squares and eight rooms of brick household, at an estimated cost of £1,850¹. The house was built on the Golf Links estate.

B. Williams owned the house by the late 1930's as did A.J. Sewell in the 1950's².

Description

This is a conservative Mediterranean villa, with its textured stucco walls, hipped and tiled roofs, and flashes of heeler brickwork placed at strategic points around the walls. Approaching the typical multi-fronted brick veneer of the 1950's, the house is greatly enhanced by its siting, iron details, original fence, typical period colour scheme and empathetic garden. The columnar cypress are particularly appropriate for the Italian or Mediterranean villa garden.

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- 1 BA 1934, 4380
- 2 BA 1937, 8772; BA 1950, 5665

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Streetscape

Set in an important residential estate with many similarly styled and aged houses, the house is linked by distinctive concrete paving to roads and paths.

Significance

Architecturally, an intact example of a popular villa style which is a key element to the important Golf Links estate: of regional interest and local importance.

Historically, Ladd appears typical of the initial merchant and professional classes which occupied the estate: of local interest.

House, 19 Fairmont Avenue



Study Grading: C
 Precinct: 28.01 Streetscape: 1
 Construction Date: 1929
 First Owner: Keen, L M
 Builder: Heber, F C