

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  
 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  
 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, 1939?

### External Integrity

The house is generally original

### Streetscape Contribution

A minority style in the Golf Links Estate but it represents the second major building stage of the estate.

### Significance

Architecturally, a good example of a suburban style which was popular over a short period just prior to the Second War (Moderne) and a major house in the notable Golf Links Estate.

Historically, occupied by members of Camberwell's rising professional and middle classes.

## House, 56 Christowel Street



**Study Grading:** C

**Precinct:** 28.01 **Streetscape:** 1

**Construction Date:** 1933

**First Owner:** Amery, H J & J W

**Builder:** Amery, H J & J W

### History

H.J. and J.W. Amery applied for the permit needed for this seven room brick house in 1933<sup>1</sup>. The cost was estimated at £1500 and an application to build a garage followed after a month<sup>2</sup>. However, it was Lewis G. Wilson who first occupied the house, to be followed by P.J.R. Clark in 1936<sup>3</sup>.

### Description

Neo-Tudor in style, the house possesses the pseudo half-timbered gables, herringbone brick, balustrading and multi-paned windows associated with 15th century northern European housing. Clinker bricks add to this rustic quality but the textured stuccoed walls, with their bracketed sills and flashes of tapestry brickwork, refer back to the Mediterranean villa style, introduced in Victoria during the late 1920's. The gabled garage follows the house's general form, as do the front fence piers with their multi-faceted gabled form.

The mature elements of the garden are typical of the period ie. cypress.

### 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, BRENBEAL STREET, 1930c  
 177, DONCASTER ROAD, 1930c

1 BA 1933, 3103  
 2 ibid.; BA 1933, 3164  
 3 D1935; D1937

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  
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### External Integrity

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## St. Catherine's Home For Aged, 1 Clayton Road, Balwyn



Study Grading: B  
 Construction Date: 1904c  
 First Owner: Porter, John

### History

An eight roomed, brick house was built c1904 for John Porter on the corner of Belmore and Clayton Roads<sup>1</sup>. Porter resided here until his death in 1930 when the property became vacant whilst owned by Porter's executors<sup>2</sup>.

By 1935 the property was owned and occupied by flour miller James E. Minifie<sup>3</sup>. Enid K. Minifie resided here with James and the property was named Belmore Grange<sup>4</sup>. James Minifie lived here until after 1950<sup>5</sup> when (by 1952) the property's address had become 1 Clayton Road its name St. Catherine's Home for the Aged<sup>6</sup>.

John Porter was a partner in Birtchnell Brothers and Porter, Agricultural Farm Salesmen and Valuers, of 82 Swanston Street, Melbourne<sup>7</sup>. The business was established in 1888 by James and Lawrence Alfred Birtchnell, as general auctioneers and agents, with city and suburban offices<sup>8</sup>. In 1890 John Porter joined the partnership. After carrying on a general business for some years, the firm began to specialize in closer settlement on agricultural lands, eventually dealing solely with this area of real estate<sup>9</sup>. Whilst associated with all the principal farming districts in Victoria, the firm are probably best known for the redevelopment into smaller farms of the Carrum district. Birtchnell Brothers and Porter also published a handbook dealing with soil and produce which was praised by the Press in Australia and in

1 RB 1902-3, 2046, 2047; RB 1903-4, 917; RB 1904-5, 927  
 2 RB 1930-31, 7643; D1930  
 3 D1935  
 4 ER 1938  
 5 D1950  
 6 D1952  
 7 The Cyclopedia of Victoria, Vol.1, pp. 481-2  
 8 ibid.  
 9 ibid.