

**Ruthgur and Palmerston,
26-28 Moorhouse Street, Camberwell**



Study Grading: B
Precinct: 27.04 **Streetscape:** 2
Construction Date: 1890 (28), 1903 (26)
First Owner: Bannister, Henry W.
Architect: Carleton, A.E.

History

Henry W. Bannister purchased allotment 48 in Moorhouse Street from J. Brown and had architect A E Carleton design a pair of houses for the site.¹ However, he only had one brick dwelling built on the allotment, in 1890 (28).² An importer, Bannister occupied the 9-roomed dwelling some of the time, but rented it to William Branton in 1899 and W.A. Wiseman in 1904.³ In 1903 he subdivided the land and had another house built on the subdivision.⁴ The 7-roomed, two-storeyed brick dwelling built by F.J. Austin had an area of 2776 square feet.⁵

Bannister named 26 Moorhouse Street 'Palmerston' and 28 Moorhouse Street 'Rathgar' and rented Palmerston to Herbert Salmon, a valuer.⁶ In 1907, Mrs. Bridget Flynn occupied Palmerston and resided there until after 1910.⁷ Occupancy of the two houses changed frequently after 1915 and by 1935 they had been converted into flats.⁸

Description

A gabled two-storey pair with timber turned-post verandahs extending two levels, with segment-arched friezes and heavy timber brackets supporting the half-timbered gables above. Brickwork is tuck-pointed and intermixed with red rubbed voussoirs, combining with cemented architraves and sill mouldings. Glazing has

coloured glass borders and perhaps the only indication of the difference in construction date of the two lies in the glass pattern of 28 being of the Jacobean mode of the 1890s, in contrast to the curvilinear Art Nouveau oriented leaded glass in No. 26. The verandah balustrading is turned and pierced timber executed in an intricate spindle and frieze pattern, while the lower verandah frieze is a serpentine fretted pattern intermixed with a fretted trefoil motif from medieval sources. The frontage of No. 26 is noticeably wider than No. 28, but this does not disrupt the asymmetry of the pair.

Comparative Examples

The following Camberwell sites may be compared with this site but its row house form is not well represented in the city (see Rochester Road).

35, PROSPECT HILL ROAD, 1881
 630, RIVERSDALE ROAD, 1882
 2, BERWICK STREET, 1885
 53, PROSPECT HILL ROAD, 1886-7
 320, CAMBERWELL ROAD, 1886
 3, FERMANAGH ROAD, 1887
 57, SEYMOUR GROVE, 1887
 33, ALMA ROAD, 1888
 19, CANTERBURY ROAD, 1888
 46, PARLINGTON STREET, 1888
 635, RIVERSDALE ROAD, 1888
 89, UNION ROAD, 1888
 2, PEPPIN STREET, 1889 (?)
 25, ALMA ROAD, 1889(?)
 54, MONT ALBERT ROAD, 1889-9
 36, ALMA ROAD, 1889
 208, CANTERBURY ROAD, 1889
 15, IRILBARRA ROAD, 1889
 21, IRILBARRA ROAD, 1889
 43, KENT ROAD, 1889
 2, MOLESWORTH STREET, 1889
 137, MONT ALBERT ROAD, 1889
 32, PROSPECT HILL ROAD, 1889
 10, TRAFALGAR ROAD, 1889
 26A, WANDSWORTH ROAD, 1889
 50, WANDSWORTH ROAD, 1889
 42, WARRICAL ROAD, 1889
 262, UNION ROAD, 1890
 15, ALMA ROAD, 1890
 544, BURKE ROAD, 1890
 27, INCLESBY ROAD, 1890
 7, VICTORIA AVENUE, 1890
 13, VICTORIA AVENUE, 1890
 57, YARRBAT AVENUE, 1890?
 7A, ALMA ROAD, 1891-2
 13, BALWYN ROAD, 1891-4
 73-79, BALWYN ROAD, 1891
 320, CAMBERWELL ROAD, 1892
 622, RIVERSDALE ROAD, 1892
 6, TRAFALGAR ROAD, 1892
 125, WATTLE VALLEY ROAD, 1892
 136, CANTERBURY ROAD, 1893
 668-670, BURKE ROAD, 1895
 680, BURKE ROAD, 1895
 816-822, RIVERSDALE ROAD, 1895
 30, HOWARD STREET, 1895
 29, CANTERBURY ROAD, 1897
 52, PROSPECT HILL ROAD, 1897
 15, KASOUKA ROAD, 1898

1 *The Building and Engineering Journal*, 12/7/1890, p.240; RB1889-90, 753
 2 RB1890-91, 782
 3 RB1899-1900, 779; RB1903-4, 833
 4 RB1904-5, 838, 839
 5 *ibid.*; BR
 6 RB1904-5, 838, 839; D1905
 7 RB1907-8, 855; D1910
 8 D1915; D1920; D1925; D1930; D1935

150, MONT ALBERT ROAD, 1899
26, VICTORIA AVENUE, 1899

External Integrity

Fence has been removed. New paving has been carried out around the frontage and carport added to No. 26 which, unlike No. 28, is set back from the side boundary.

Significance

Architecturally, a distinctive house form for the metropolitan area, particularly Camberwell where row house construction was seldom used. It combines the emerging Medieval inspired stylism with the row form which had previously depended on classical sources for its external expression. Its staged construction is also of interest given the subtle differences between the houses as a reflection of the era in which each was built. It also contributes to a late 19th early 20th century precinct of regional importance.

Historically, of local interest because of process of flat conversion in the 1930s.

House, 1 Mountain View Road, Balwyn North



Study Grading: C

Construction Date: 1939

First Owner: Dummett, Geo. C. manufacturer

Architect: Ritter, L.W.

Builder: Ritter, L.W.

History

Master builder, L.W. Ritter designed and built this two-storey brick house of seven rooms for George Centennial Dummett, a manufacturer, in 1939¹. The house was estimated to cost £2,000². George and Mabel J. Dummett owned and occupied this property from the time it was built until the late 1940s³. By 1952 Miss Lorna Hood was the

owner-occupier of this property and remained here until at least 1974⁴.

Description

A two-storey stucco and tapestry brick house in the streamlined Moderne style with curved and square corners, steel-framed windows and decorative wrought-iron in balustrades and fence panels. Roofing is glazed terra-cotta tiles and the rendered chimney is stepped in the manner of the 'waterfall' plan form. Landscape is of the period.

Drawings show the original ground floor layout as hall, lounge, den and stairs, with the dining area opening from the lounge and to the kitchen, in turn. Upstairs there were three bedrooms and a sun deck, unfortunately facing south.

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
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
361, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1935c
796-798, BURKE ROAD, 1936
23, CHRISTOWEL STREET, 1936
9, JUDD STREET, 1936
49, THE RIDGE, 1936
20, WALSH STREET, 1936
716, RIVERSDALE ROAD, 1937
517, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1937c
31-39, COOKSON STREET, 1938-39
311-317, CAMBERWELL ROAD, 1938
2, FAIRMONT AVENUE, 1938
24, FINSBURY WAY, 1938
32, HORTENSE STREET, 1938

1 ER 1943; BA 1939
2 ibid.
3 D1940; D1944-45
4 D1952; D1962; D1974