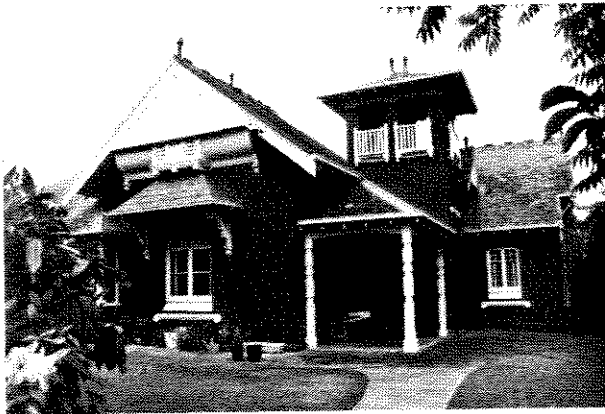


### Significance

Architecturally, a most unusual design which combines the streamlined Moderne style of the 1930-40 era with the skillion/butterfly roof form of the 1950s, its long construction time being presumably due to the immediate post-war embargo on house construction above a certain floor area: of State importance.

Historically, of interest as a builder's own home and possible connection with conservation of building materials after the Second War : of regional interest.

### Spreydon, 15 Kasouka Road



Study Grading: B  
Precinct: 29.20 Streetscape: 2  
Construction Date: 1898  
First Owner: Thomson, Eliza A & Robert C

### History

Eliza Amelia Thomson (later listed as Mrs. Patrick Thomson) was the first rated owner-occupier of this eight room brick house in 1899<sup>1</sup>. A missing rate book (1898-99) obscures the precise construction date whilst the *Melbourne Directory* for 1899 lists the house as 'vacant', presumably still in construction. The rate book for 1897-8 lists the site as allotment 12 owned by the Commercial Bank of Australia<sup>2</sup>.

Electoral rolls list a clerk, Robert C. Thomson, as co-occupier of the house during the early 1900's<sup>3</sup>. Frank E. Lear was a resident here in the period around World War One and George H. and Margaret Johnston followed in the 1930's<sup>4</sup>.

### Description

After the manner of Robert Haddon's designs for the architects W.B. Leith and Smith & Ogg, the house differs from the Queen Anne villa type by its adoption of a concave hip roofed tower (in the picturesque Italianate mode) over the entrance, and characteristically (for Haddon) unusual ornamentation to chimneys and a quaint balustrade placement on the tower. Cement scrolls taken from the English Queen Anne also adorn the window sill and door side-light in an individual manner. Otherwise, the red brick walls, turned verandah posts, half-timbered gables and terra-cotta roof details are typical of the Queen Anne. Comparison may be made to Haddon's own house in Malvern and the demolished 278 Cotham Road, Kew.

### Comparative Examples

The following Camberwell sites may be compared with this site.

- 35, PROSPECT HILL ROAD, 1881
- 630, RIVERSDALE ROAD, 1882
- 2, BERWICK STREET, 1885c
- 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, WARRIGAL ROAD, 1889
- 322-394, CAMBERWELL ROAD, 1890-1
- 262, UNION ROAD, 1890/1900
- 15, ALMA ROAD, 1890
- 544, BURKE ROAD, 1890
- 27, INGLESBY 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

1 D1901; D1906; MMBW DPA 54749; RB 1899-90, 574  
2 RB 1897-8, 566  
3 ER1908, RB1900-1  
4 D1915; D1935

30, HOWARD STREET, 1895c  
 29, CANTERBURY ROAD, 1897  
 52, PROSPECT HILL ROAD, 1897  
 150, MONT ALBERT ROAD, 1899  
 26, VICTORIA AVENUE, 1899

### External Integrity

The fence is new and the verandah glazed in.

### Streetscape

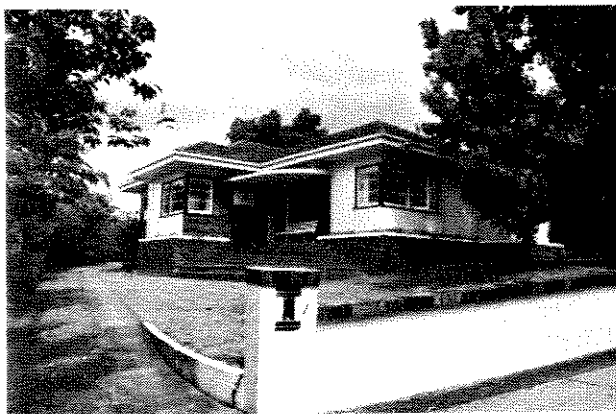
The house contributes to a notable, largely Edwardian and late Victorian residential streetscape.

### Significance

Architecturally, an unusual and near original variation on the common Queen Anne villa style which possesses distinctive cement details and a look-out, and supports a notable residential streetscape: of regional importance.

History. little is known of the Thomson family in the Camberwell context.

## House, 1 Kelba Street, Balwyn North



### Study Grading: C

Construction Date: 1941

First Owner: Bolton, N.M. home duties

Builder: Humphreys, F.S.

### History

In 1941 Nancy Meredith Bolton commissioned builder, E.S. Humphreys, to build a house, garage and later a woodshed<sup>1</sup>. The brick veneer residence was of six rooms and was estimated to cost £1,500<sup>2</sup>. Nancy Bolton still owns and occupies this residence<sup>3</sup>.

### Description

Moderne in style, hipped roof in form and in stuccoed construction, the house has the

fashionable corner windows (although not steel-framed) and blended brick feature walls to mark the entry under the quadrant concrete porch roof. Tiered semi-circular brick stairs repeat the porch plan in radial steps into a period garden surrounded by a matching masonry fence.

The construction drawings show the two bedrooms, a sleepout and a lounge opening off the entry-hall which proceeded via a passage to a kitchen and the dining room which also connected to the lounge. The laundry opened off the rear porch which gave some covered access from the attached garage at the rear. Part of the drawing was devoted to a streamlined asymmetrical fireplace (lounge) which resembled the house itself in form and materials.

### Comparative Examples

The following Camberwell sites may be compared with this site.

106, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1940-1  
 1, MONTANA STREET, 1940  
 1297, TOORAK ROAD, 1940  
 91, MAUD STREET, 1940c  
 133, MAUD STREET, 1940c  
 56, RIVERSIDE AVENUE, 1940c  
 15, WALBUNDY AVENUE, 1940c  
 417-, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1940c  
 113, YARRBAT AVENUE, 1940c  
 123, MONT ALBERT ROAD, 1941-2  
 2, BEATRICE STREET, 1941  
 6, BULLEEN ROAD, 1941  
 171, DONCASTER ROAD, 1941  
 4, MAYSIA STREET, 1941  
 46, THE BOULEVARD, 1941  
 1, KELBA STREET, 1941c  
 666, RIVERSDALE ROAD, 1946-7  
 119, DONCASTER ROAD, 1948  
 1, KALONGA ROAD, 1948c  
 166, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1951-2  
 2, TAURUS STREET, 1951c  
 32, URSIA STREET, 1951c  
 6, CARRICAL STREET, 1952  
 43, KIREEP ROAD, 1952  
 1, MADDEN STREET, 1952  
 2, CARRICAL STREET, 1954  
 16, CARRICAL STREET, 1954  
 129, WINMALEE ROAD, 1954  
 14, ORION STREET, 1954c  
 32, BALWYN ROAD, 1955c  
 45A, NARRAK ROAD, 1955c

### External Integrity

Generally original.

### Streetscape Contribution

Of a similar era to the first wave of houses in the area, this house is among the best of the type.

### Significance

Architecturally, a well-preserved and accomplished example of a probable builder-design which incorporates all of the

1 BA 1941, 14395; BA 1941, 15110  
 2 *ibid.*  
 3 TD1990