

House, 633 Riversdale Road



Study Grading: B
Precinct: 29.03 Streetscape:
Construction Date: 1906-8
First Owner: Bate, Richard
Builder: Bate, Richard

History

Camberwell builder, Richard Bate, constructed this house in 1906; it was then described as of brick and eight rooms¹. The house continued as a leased property under one F Huttner of South Yarra during and after the 1940's, when it was converted into two flats².

Bate lived in Norris Street, Canterbury: a home also from his own hand³.

Description

In the Queen Anne villa style, this house possesses the following familiar elements: projecting gabled bays which terminate a returning, slatted verandah; a corner turret which visually balances the front gable; and the high hipped, almost Chinese tea-house type, tile-clad roof. Half-timbering, casement sashes and the arched Orientally inspired slatting in the verandah frieze, contribute to the high integrity already promoted by the leaded glazing, trim colours, picket fence, hedge and mature landscaping which surrounds the house (i.e. pittosporum hedge).

Comparative Examples

The following Camberwell sites may be compared with this site.

69, BROADWAY, 1900-1
 20, BRYSON STREET, 1900
 608, RIVERSDALE ROAD, 1900
 1, SALISBURY STREET, 1900
 5, VICTORIA ROAD, 1900
 11, LUENA ROAD, 1900c
 42, BRYSON STREET, 1901

58, CANTERBURY ROAD, 1901
 6, KINTORE STREET, 1901
 23, ROYAL CRESCENT, 1901
 35, BROADWAY, 1902
 39, PROSPECT HILL ROAD, 1902
 169, CANTERBURY ROAD, 1903-4
 6, LOGAN STREET, 1903
 142, MONT ALBERT ROAD, 1904
 7, MANGARRA ROAD, 1905-6
 24, CHAUCER CRESCENT, 1905
 27, BALWYN ROAD, 1906
 58, BROADWAY, 1906
 65, MONT ALBERT ROAD, 1906
 73-75, BROADWAY, 1907
 31, CHAUCER CRESCENT, 1907
 17, THREADNEEDLE STREET, 1907
 18, PEPPIN STREET, 1907c
 138, CANTERBURY ROAD, 1908-9
 41, INGLESBY ROAD, 1908-9
 10, SEFTON PLACE, 1908
 41, INGLESBY ROAD, 1909-10
 71, BROADWAY, 1909
 73, BROADWAY, 1909
 31, CANTERBURY ROAD, 1909
 206, CANTERBURY ROAD, 1909
 22, VICTORIA ROAD, 1909
 1293, TOORAK ROAD, 1910-
 8, ST. GEORGES CRESCENT, 1910
 2, CLAYTON ROAD, 1910c
 199, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1910c
 24, ALBION STREET, 1911
 17-19, BROADWAY, 1911
 96-98, UNION ROAD, 1911
 24, KENT ROAD, 1912-13
 54, BROADWAY, 1912
 35, MATLOCK STREET, 1912
 648, BURKE ROAD, 1913-18
 6, KITCHENER STREET, 1913
 8, FITZGERALD STREET, 1915-20c
 127, WINMALEE ROAD, 1915-20c
 27A, ALMA ROAD, 1915
 76, ATHELSTAN ROAD, 1915
 347-349, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1915c
 353, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1915c
 150, WINMALEE ROAD, 1915c

External Integrity

The house is generally externally original, the fence has been modified and an addition, sympathetic in form and materials, lies to the north.

Streetscape

The house adjoins the Victorian period 635 Riversdale Road and is enhanced by the adjacent tree avenue along Palmerston Street.

Significance

Architecturally, a near intact and articulate example of the Orientally inspired version of the Queen Anne villa style which complements contemporary and earlier houses in the street; of regional importance.

Historically, an unusually large speculative villa but otherwise little is known of its major owners and occupiers in the Camberwell context.

1 MMBW DPA 53507; RB 1906-7, 361
 2 MMBW DPA 53507; BA 1947, 890
 3 MMBW DPA 53507