97 Kent Street. Ref : 136

HISTORY: Probably built about 1910(?).

<u>VISUAL DESCRIPTION</u>: A double-fronted, timber Edwardian detached house, with gambrel roof across. The right bay is set forward as a gable. Its upper section is timbered, with roughcast-pattern pressed metal, with a hip window-hood on wavy brackets. Weatherboards are notched over dado and ashlar below. Windows are double-hung pairs, the hip-verandah is in the angle under the extended main roof, with turned Tuscan posts and a significant wavy palisade, deeply arched valence. Entry door, side and fanlights have leadlights. Chimneys have render-mould on red brick.

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS: A characteristic type. The wavy decoration occurs also at: 33 Smith Street (ref: 102); 82 Gardner Street (ref: 151) and 10 Pearson Street (ref: 161).

The arched valence also occurs at: 289 Burnley Street (ref: 32); 3 Leslie Street (ref: 125); 36 Bennett Street (ref: 126); 82 Gardner Street (ref: 151); 46 Highett Street and 201 Stawell Street.

<u>SIGNIFICANCE</u>: A characteristic, double-fronted, timber Edwardian detached house, altered. It has a significant wavy valence. Of local architectural interest.

INTACTNESS: Fair. Verandah floor is replaced with crazy paving Lillydale slate, it lacks cresting and finials and window-hood and roof are replaced with Zincalume. The fence and hedge have been removed.

CONDITION & THREATS: Very good. Ridge capping needs fixing.

REFERENCES: