

Building:	Innisfail	Significance:	B
Address:	75 Lucerne Crescent, Alphington	Melway Map Ref:	31 D12
Building Type:	Residence	Construction Date:	1913
Architect:	Unknown	Builder:	Unknown



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Existing Heritage Listings:		Recommended Heritage Listings:	
Victorian Heritage Register	[]	Victorian Heritage Register	[]
Register of the National Estate	[]	Register of the National Estate	[x]
National Trust	[]	Heritage Overlay Controls	[x]

History

Innisfail, at 75 Lucerne Crescent, Alphington, was constructed in 1913, on A D Hodgson's Lucerne Estate. Hodgson sold allotments from his subdivision of Wills' former Lucerne Farm in 1885. Florence O'Sullivan purchased lot 9 of one of these estates and, after a number of years, built Innisfail, remaining there until her death.

Graeme Butler. *Northcote Urban Conservation Study*. 1982.

Description

The house 75 Lucerne Crescent is a detached Federation style single-storey timber villa occupying a corner site, asymmetrically planned with a hipped and gabled roof clad in terracotta Marseilles patterned tiles. The walls are clad in weatherboard, with a timber moulding at dado level. Gables face the two street elevations, and have timber fretted brackets and terracotta finials. Windows are double-hung sashes; those facing St Bernards Road have a ripple iron awning supported on timber brackets. The corner entrance porch is hipped, with a large timber fretted archway and turned timber posts. The porch adjoins a timber verandah on the south elevation, which has carved timber brackets. The chimney is of red brick, with a roughcast rendered cap.

The timber galvanised pipe and woven wire fence possibly dates from the inter-War period.

Significance

Innisfail, at 75 Lucerne Crescent, Alphington, is of local architectural significance. The house is a good example of the Federation style, notable for its arched entrance porch, and displays typical Edwardian details including bracketed window hoods, half-timbered gables and red brick chimneys.

Original Source

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