

NAME: House

ADDRESS: 62 Falconer Street

CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1900  
ARCHITECT: unknown  
BUILDER: unknown  
FIRST OWNER: Charlotte Morton  
PRESENT OWNER: Robert Pools  
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS: Timber, corrugated iron roof  
CONSERVATION AREA: A9



BUILDING CITATION:

This timber house, constructed for Charlotte Morton in 1900<sup>1</sup>, replaced an earlier brick house which was possibly destroyed by fire. It is a three gabled composition with the central larger gable recessed and a verandah connects the two pavilion wings. The cast iron frieze work is of a late character. There is intact leadlighting to the windows with hood moulds over. The gable valence boards are plain surmounted by a delicate timber finial. The fence was added at a later date, possibly c.1920. The adjoining timber stable is similar in execution but in poor condition. This building is important in a local context. It is one of the few intact and finely detailed early timber houses in North Fitzroy.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

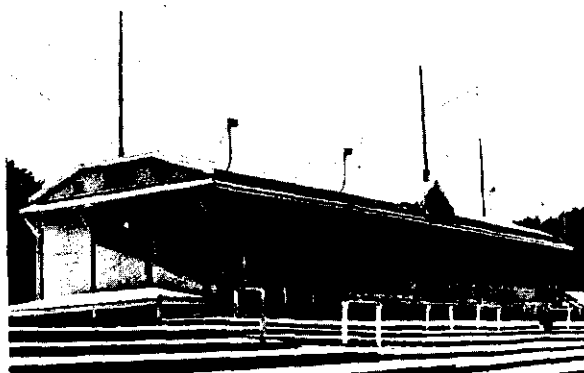
It is recommended that this building be added to the Register of the National Estate, and be specified under Clause 8 of the Town and Country Planning Act (Third Schedule).

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1. Fitzroy Ratebook: 1899 brick house 4 rooms Charlotte Morton £16;  
1900 weatherboard house 5 rooms Charlotte Morton £18.

NAME: Fitzroy Cricket Club Grandstand

ADDRESS: Edinburgh Gardens

CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1888  
ARCHITECT: N. Billing & Son  
BUILDER: unknown  
FIRST OWNER: Crown Land (managed by F.C.C.)  
PRESENT OWNER: Crown Land (managed by F.C.C.)  
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS: Brickwork base, timber, galv. iron roof  
CONSERVATION AREA: A5



BUILDING CITATION:

This grandstand, constructed in 1888 to the design of N. Billing and Son Architects<sup>1</sup>, is half hipped at either end with a small projecting gable (originally designed to take a clock face) on the southern elevation. A subsidiary cantilever roof below the main roof surrounds the building, strutted out from iron columns by diagonals. These unfluted corinthian columns have connector joints specially cast to take the struts. A balustrade of cast iron panels (partially hollow backed) of a flamboyant late character runs along the front and up the sloping sides. Special panels with raking tops and bottoms have been cast to fit the slope.

The rear of the grandstand has panels with diagonal boarding set in chamfer stopped frames similar to the timber gatehouse. The timber trussed roof, clad in corrugated iron, appears to have supported finials at either end. There are flag poles at the far end above the gables.

The adjoining stand, of which only the foundations remain, appears to have been the same or similar. This stand was built in 1905 to the cost of £3,000<sup>2</sup>. This stand was burnt down.

The surviving grandstand is of importance in a local context, and is an important landmark to the area.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that this building be added to the Register of the National Estate (as part of the Fitzroy Cricket Club complex) and specified under Clause 8.

1. *Australian Builder & Contractors News* 12.5.1888 tenders called.
2. *Weekly Times* 6 May 1905.

NAME. Fitzroy Cricket Club  
Timber Gatehouse

ADDRESS. Edinburgh Gardens

CONSTRUCTION DATE: unknown

ARCHITECT: unknown

BUILDER: unknown

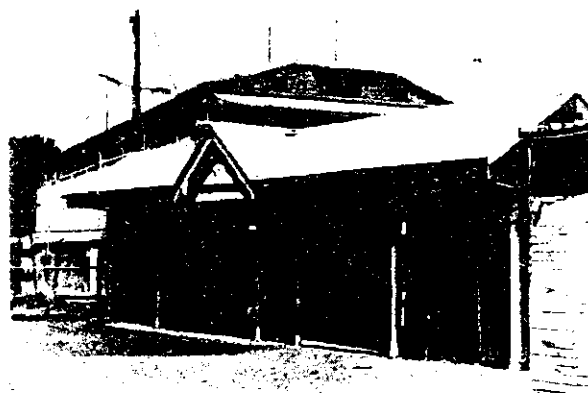
FIRST OWNER: Crown Land (managed  
by the F.C.C.)

PRESENT OWNER: Crown Land (managed  
by the F.C.C.)

CONSTRUCTION

MATERIALS: Timber, galv. iron roof

CONSERVATION AREA: A5



BUILDING CITATION:

The timber building, of similar character to the first pavilion in the Parliamentary Gardens, is a five bay arrangement with a pediment over the central bay. The roof is of corrugated iron with delicate cast iron ridge capping along the main and transverse ridges. The valence boarding (similar to the brick gatehouse on the southern side of the cricket ground) consists of short pointed lengths of board projecting downwards so that a pair of adjoining boards form an ogee arch. This boarding continues around to the gable ends. Above each gateway bay are panels containing diagonal boarding with chamfer stopped timber framing members. Two very simple half finials remain - these are composed of a central spike and a little bracket which projects outwards from the gable end (not backwards into the roof ridge).

The date of construction is not known. The building does not appear on the M.M.B.W. Survey of 1895, but was probably constructed soon after this date around 1900. The building is at present in poor condition and is being renovated.

Fitzroy Cricket Club Timber Gatehouse (Contd.)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that this building be added to the register of the National Estate (as part of the Fitzroy Cricket Club complex) and specified under Clause 8 of the Town and Country Planning Act.

NAME: Fitzroy Cricket Club Brick Gatehouse ADDRESS. Brunswick St. (cnr. Freeman St.)

CONSTRUCTION DATE: c1895  
ARCHITECT: unknown  
BUILDER: unknown  
FIRST OWNER: Crown Land (managed by F.C.C.)  
PRESENT OWNER: Crown Land (managed by F.C.C.)

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS: Red brick, galv. iron roof, cement bands  
CONSERVATION AREA: A5



BUILDING CITATION:

This building, constructed around the turn of the century, is composed of seven bays, with the end bays surmounted by unusual pyramidal roofs reminiscent of the work of William Kent. The facade is in red brick decorated by cement bands. The four projecting gables are decorated with timber gable ends and finials. This building provides an important streetscape element to Brunswick Street and Freeman Street.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that this building (as part of the Fitzroy Cricket Club complex) be added to the Register of the National Estate, and specified under Clause 8 of the Town and Country Planning Act (Third Schedule).

BUILDING ANALYSIS:

This building constructed probably c1895<sup>1</sup> presents a facade to Freeman Street of seven bays. The four bays projecting slightly forwards are surmounted by timber finials. The end bays behind the gables are surmounted by unusual pyramidal roofs, (with finials now missing) reminiscent of the work of William Kent.<sup>2</sup>

The whole facade is in red brick decorated by cement bands (with evidence of former ochre colouring), and is typical of building work in the early twentieth century.

The original use of this building is uncertain. In the ground floor there are lavatories and urinals all the way along. The upper floor looks as though it must have been a sitting or standing area. It is now sheeted over but has ornamental pointed valence boards hanging down all the way along. This is similar to the timber work in the timber gatehouse at the north side of the cricket ground.

The date of this building is not known. However it appears on the 1897 M.M.B.W. survey map and was possibly built just prior to this date.

1. The building appears on the 1895 Board of Works Plan.

2. An English Architect c1665 - 1748.