

## **Wahroonga, 870 Lygon Street, Carlton North**

Heritage overlay: HO326

City of Yarra Property Number: 212920

### **What is significant?**

The Wahroonga, a house at 870 Lygon Street, Carlton North, was created in 1921 for Thomas Roper and has other historical associations with persons such as Robert John Hardy and G. M. Hardy. The place has a high integrity to its creation date.

Fabric from the creation date at the Wahroonga is locally significant within the City of Yarra, compared to other similar places from a similar era.

### **How is it significant?**

The Wahroonga at 870 Lygon Street, Carlton North is architecturally significant to the locality of Carlton North and the City of Yarra.

### **Why is it significant?**

The Wahroonga is significant as a well-preserved hipped roof inter-war brick house, with boxed window groups, columnated porch, some related garden (a Chusan palm) and a significant swagged fence. It was designed by Leon A. Lambert FRVIA, architect, after the manner of noted British designer CFA Voysey.

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## **References:**

### **Municipal rate books:**

VPRS 5708/P0004

City of Melbourne / Victoria Ward

Rate year/Rate no./Occupier/Owner/Description /NAV

1930/31; 579; Hardy Robert John; Hardy Robert John; Cnr Lygon St. Brick House, 6 rms.; 100

1929/30; 579; Hardy Robert John; O/O; Cnr Lygon St. Brick House, 6 rms.; 100

1928/29; 579; Hardy Robert John; O/O; Cnr Lygon St. Brick House, 6 rms.; 100

1926/27; 581; Hardy Robert J; O/O; Cnr Lygon St. Brick House, 6 rms.; 100

1925; 581; Hardy Robert John; O/O; Cnr Lygon St. Brick House, 6 rms.and garage; 100

1923/24; 581; Roper Thomas Jnr.; O/O; Cnr Lygon St. Brick House, 6 rms.; 100

1921/22; 589; Thomas Roper ; Thomas Roper Jnr; Cnr Lygon St. Brick House, 6 rms.; 80

1919/20; 589; Roper Thomas Jnr.; O/O; Cnr Lygon St. ; 30

VPRS 8915/P/0001

City of Melbourne Valuer's Books/ Victoria Ward

Rate year/Rate no./Occupier/Owner/Description /NAV

1920; 589; Roper Thomas Jnr.; Roper Thos Jnr.; Cnr. Lygon St. Brick garage, Fenery changed to House Brick, 6 rooms 1921 £2,000; 100

### **Melbourne or Victorian directories:**

East Side

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1944/45; Hardy Mrs G. M.  
1940; Hardy Mrs G. M.  
1935; Hardy Robert J.  
1930; Hardy Robert J.  
1925; Hardy Robert. J.  
1924; Roper Thomas  
1923; Roper Thomas  
1922; House being built  
1921; No Listing  
1920; No Listing

### **Other references:**

VPRS 11202/P1, Unit 305  
Date/Application/Cost/Description  
20 December 1920; 3107; £2,000; Erection of brick residence  
31 May 1921; H156; ; Erection of fence

VPRS 11200/P/0001 Unit 323  
Application 3107  
Proposed new Brick and Titled residence, Corner Lygon and McPherson Sts, North Carlton,  
for T. Roper Esq  
Leon A. Lambert FRVIA, Architect, corner Swanston and Flinders Lane, Melbourne  
Date Received 20/12/1920  
Wight 2001:  
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red brick chimneys, exposed rafters, Doric columns , ... is significant in its own right, as a  
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After Lewis, 1984: Construction date (building permit) added to BIF