

BELLARINE HERITAGE STUDY RECORD SHEET

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Key Dates: Original Major Changes

Existing Use/Type

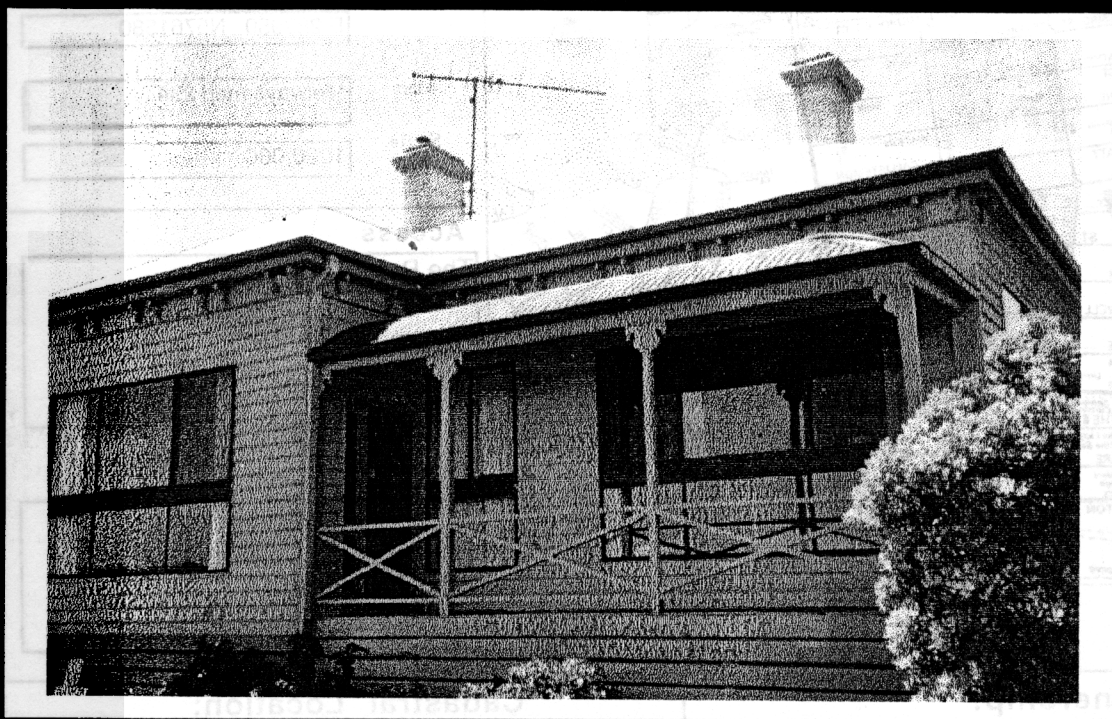
Precinct Name

Survey Date

Neg. No.

Video Track No.

Recorded By



Heritage Status:

CATEGORY REGISTRATION NUMBER

National Estate:

Nominated

Registered

Historic Buildings Register

Nominated

Registered

National Trust Register:

Planning Scheme:

Historical Archaeological Register :

Other:

JHS Degree of Significance

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Condition of the fabric:

Excellent Good

Fair Poor

Ruinous Unexposed

Integrity of the site:

Excellent Good

Fair Poor

Partially excavated

Fully excavated

Present Threats:

Human; mining

Human; visitor erosion

Human; vandalism

Human; development

Human; conservation/maintenance

Human; stock

Natural Forces; erosion

Natural Forces; vegetation

Not threatened

Significant Architectural Features:

Original Materials

Original Chimneys

Wall Decoration

Verandah Structure

Verandah Decoration

Original Parapet

other prominent elevations

Original Roof

Original Openings

Original Decoration

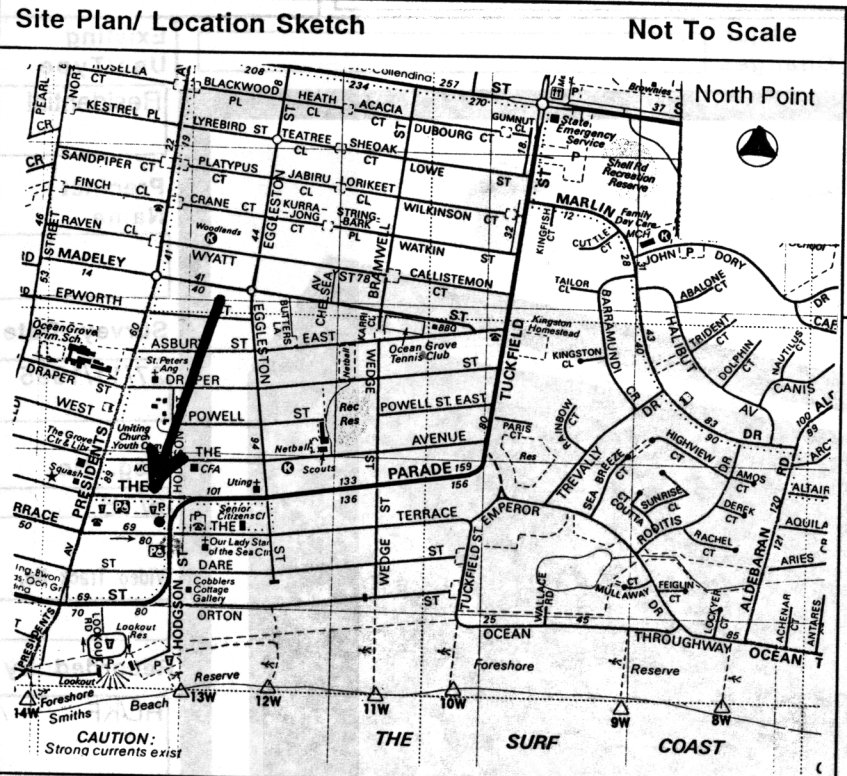
Original Finish

Early Garden

Early Fence

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Australian Map Grid Co-ordinates

E 282950 N5761580

Map: Melways map 234

Scale: 1: 20,000

Access

The Parade

Informants

Ownership:

Crown Private

Resident owner Occupier only

Local Govt Area: City of Greater Geelong

Cadastral Location:

County: Grant

Parish: Bellarine

Allotment: L P 70307 Lot 2

Block:

Physical Description of Site:

This residence originally fronted the Terrace, high on the hill with views to Bass Strait, but has been subdivided and is now accessed from the Parade. The building is a late Victorian style timber frame, weatherboard clad house with a hipped and gable roof, clad in corrugated iron, and two rendered chimneys behind the ridge.

The south elevation has a projecting hipped roof section with a large aluminium frame sliding window. The corrugated iron clad verandah has timber posts, brackets and a balustrade with timber cross bracing. There are two aluminium frame sliding windows under the verandah, and a timber frame door with a sidelight on the east elevation. The verandah floor is timber, off ground level, with horizontal timber cladding. The south elevation has been altered and the only original decoration are the turned timber eave brackets in pairs. The north elevation has also been altered and extended, but the original double gable roof line, with weatherboard cladding and a louvered vent, is still visible.

Relevant Special Interest Groups:

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Types of Sites:

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<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> relic/ruin	<input type="checkbox"/> garden	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building
<input type="checkbox"/> agricultural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> residential	<input type="checkbox"/> fence	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> miscellaneous
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> recreational	<input type="checkbox"/> infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/> gate	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	

Historical Themes:

Early Settlement	<input type="text"/>	Communities	cmHomes
Maritime	<input type="text"/>	Landscapes	<input type="text"/>
Tourism	tsm1880s-1920s	The Wider World	<input type="text"/>
Workforce	<input type="text"/>	Cultural Activity	<input type="text"/>
Townships	<input type="text"/>	Miscellaneous	<input type="text"/>

History of Site/Object/Place:

This substantial weatherboard dwelling is believed to have been built in the early 1890s and anecdotal evidence suggests that the original name of the house was 'Friskney' or 'Frickney'. (1)

It may have been the residence of Mr. J. Ingamells, proprietor of the Coffee Palace, as the Geelong Advertiser of 25 October 1891 reports his death at 'Friskney' and that his widow and daughters ran a boarding/guest house with "all comforts provided" at 'Frickney' for thirty shillings a week tariff.(2)

Mrs. Jean Hose recalls it being the residence of Mr. Hann in the 1920s and the Sands and McDougall directory of 1912,18 and 22 list Jas. C Hann grazier, in the Ocean Grove entry.(3)

More recently it was the home of local historian Gil McKeown who writes in his history of Ocean Grove: "In 1950 I bought 'Almora' in the Parade and lived there for approximately thirty years."(4)

References:

1. GHRC Ocean Grove file.
2. GA 25.10.1891 and Townsend, A. *These Friendly Shores*, p.12
3. Mrs. Jean Hose, Ocean Grove pers. comm. Sands and McDougall directory 1912,1918 and 1922
4. McKeown G. *The Grove that Grew* p.24

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Statement of Cultural Significance:

'Almora' is a substantial weatherboard dwelling in fair condition probably built in the 1890s and originally with a frontage to the Terrace, Ocean Grove.

It is of historic significance to the local community of Ocean Grove.

'Almora' was the residence of local historian Gill McKeown from 1950 and in the 1890s (then known as 'Fri(s)ckney'). It could have been the residence of another Ocean Grove identity Mr J Ingamells proprietor of the Coffee Palace. The house has links with Ocean Grove's history as a summer holiday resort and was a guest house for a number of years.

It is of **LOCAL** cultural significance.

Additional Information