
Name	Sunnyside	Reference No	
Address	24 Kent Road, Surrey Hills	Survey Date	20 September 2005
Building Type	Residence	Grading	Ungraded
Date	1912-13	Previous Grading	B



Extent of Overlay

Not applicable, refer Recommendations

Intactness Good Fair Poor

Heritage Status HV AHC NT BPS Heritage Overlay

History

Architects Frederick & Keith Mackay designed Sunnyside in 1912, for Katie and Edward J. Ferguson, a custom's officer¹. The builders were Stephenson & Co². It was to be of timber of two levels and be 20 squares in area, containing seven main rooms³. O.K. Bellmaine was a later owner⁴. One F.E. Bellmaine was a Camberwell Councillor 1917-25.

The house has undergone extensive alterations and additions in the last 20 years.

(G Butler, Camberwell Conservation Study 1991, additional research by Lovell Chen, 2005)

Description & Integrity

As described in the 1991 study, as constructed, this house was Oriental in its form and detail, steeply gabled and simply massed in the Voysey manner. It also possessed unusual aspects such as the early use of diamond pattern asbestos shingling and what appears to be asbestos sheet cladding, with cover straps, over a weatherboarded base. Chinese eaves brackets support the tea-house like flared attic roof line along one elevation and under the verandah but, the ribbed chimneys, grouped casement windows and their leaded patterns, reflect more common Edwardian house details.

Since the 1991 survey (Camberwell Conservation Study), major alterations and additions have been undertaken, with the addition in works carried out in c. 2001 of two new gables to its north front and a transverse high-light to its south side. The house was also completely re-roofed with new slate. Approximately half of the existing south elevation was constructed at this time, and the east side dormer was given a new central window.

The entire garden has been removed and replaced with new plantings, and the external paving, a full-height planking fence and oversized lych-gate are all new.

Historical Context

Not completed, refer Recommendations.

Comparative Analysis

Not completed, refer Recommendations.

Assessment Against Criteria

Not completed, refer Recommendations.

Statement of Significance

Not completed, refer Recommendations.

Grading Review

Ungraded. While the recent additions have been using matching detailing and forms, the effect has been to completely alter the overall form and presentation and to obscure the original fabric.⁵ The extent of change which has occurred is such that the building is no longer considered to warrant a grading.

Recommendations

Not recommended for inclusion in the Schedule to the Heritage Overlay of the Boroondara Planning Scheme.

Identified By

G Butler, Camberwell Conservation Study, 1991.

References

General: G Butler, Camberwell Conservation Study, 1991.

Specific:

¹ MMBW Plan of Drainage, No. 85107.

² City of Camberwell Building Applications 1899-1918, 1915.

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⁴ Details sourced from City of Camberwell Building Index, # 1953, 11849.

⁵ City of Boroondara Planning File 40/409/100377, Subdivision Plan, PS 407394 H, dated 18 November 1997, and planning permit No. 97/767, dated 18 November 1997. Replanning by Les Finnis, architects, copy of drawing dated 3 August 2001 on City of Boroondara Building File, 10/408/006721. This was in addition to an already substantial set of internal ground and first floor alterations made in the mid-1980s; drawings sourced from the City of Camberwell Buildings Index, #78554, dated 22 August 1985.