

PLACE IDENTIFICATION FORM

ADDRESS

631 Burke Road

TYPE

- ☒ Single Residence ☐ Multiple Unit Res.
☐ Shop ☐ Outbuildings
☐ Office ☐ Industrial Building
☐ Landscape feature ☐ Public building
☐ View ☐ Other

TITLE

"Buccleugh"

EXISTING DESIGNATION

HBR ☐ GBR ☐ AHC ☐ NT ☐ VAS ☐

STREETSCAPE LEVEL

1 ☐ 2 ☒ 3 ☐
 SIGNIFICANT ☐ SIGNIFICANT ☐
 STREET TREES KERB & GUTTERS

GRADING

A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐
 KEYNOTE BUILDING ☐

RECOMMENDED FOR

HBR/GBR ☐ AHC ☒ URBAN CONSERVATION AREA ☒
 VAS ☐ PLANNING SCHEME PROTECTION ☒
 CULTURAL LANDSCAPE ☐ OTHER ☐

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THEME

- ☐ Early Settlement
☐ Mansions
☐ Victorian Garden Suburb
☐ Municipal dev.
☐ 1870s growth
☐ Garden villas
☐ Working enclaves
☐ Commercial Centres
☒ Edwardian Prosperity
☐ Interwar Housing
☐ Flats and Offices

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

Date 1916
 Architect J.J. and E.J.
 Builder [Clark
 Elements -
 House, garden, hedge.



- ☒ Contributing garden *hedge* ☐ Original or early hard landscape layout
☒ Landmark tree (*hedge*) ☒ Original or early fence *gate*

NOTABLE FEATURES/SIGNIFICANCE

See attached

INTEGRITY Good ☒
 Fair ☐
 Poor ☐

CONDITION Good ☒
 Fair ☐
 Poor ☐

CROSS REFERENCED INFORMATION

Associated significant garden ☐

631 Burke Road continued

Significance

Metropolitan
possibly State

1. Architecturally significant, as an example of timber construction from J.J. and E.J. Clark; as a large timber house in this predominantly brick area; as a rare surviving oiled timber house; and for its construction date during the first world war.
2. Historically significant as an example of the landmark buildings constructed on the major Hawthorn boulevards.



631 BURKE ROAD

"BUCCLEUGH"

History

This federation period house was built in 1916 for Miss M. Russell and E.J. Clark,¹ a former owner of private residences in Hawthorn. At this time was E.J.

Owner has advised that PIF details do not apply to their property ie:
- timber is not oiled, it is painted
- building was not built in 1916 for Miss Russell
- plan of property is not correct

ting, was built in 1916. Architects were J.J. Clark and E.J. Clark, public buildings and Mary R.J. Wain was responsible for bathroom alterations.

Description and Assessment

In contrast to our street in which to reside, up to the second world war, it was the busy major thoroughfares and boulevards which attracted the best quality homes. In the central city, this role was filled by St. Kilda Road. In East Melbourne by the mansions along Victoria Parade on the hill. In other suburbs a similar pattern followed. Transport routes, readily available access to bridges, and better roads, contributed to the higher price for land on major boulevards, but more important was the desire to publicly express wealth with a prominently visible residence.

owner believes PIF refers to another property - has been referred to me.

Within each subdivision the high ground attracted the very best developments. This pattern is well illustrated at Hawthorn along Burke Road, Riversdale Road and Glenferrie Road. Big houses located here, illustrating the fashions of the time - mansions on the hill, and the next best villas adjoining. This approach continued up to the second world war. In Burke Road pockets of excellent housing exhibiting the best standards for their time of construction, can be traced from Gardiners Creek through 1920s California Bungalows, Edwardian garden villas, to Boom period mansions on the hill south of the junction.

Hawthorn's major boulevards, illustrate in shorthand form, the major building patterns and the inspirations of the residents through the various periods of the suburb's life.

The landmark hedge and substantial garden to this property conceals the oiled timber building.

Few oiled timber buildings survive in Melbourne, although this practice was particularly extensive in the 1920s. Few houses of large size were built in Hawthorn and the surrounding suburbs in timber, as this house was constructed. In addition few houses of any description were built during the first world war. Given these factors, the eminent architects and the apparent intactness of the house, this property deserves on-site inspection and considerable additional historical research before a full assessment can be made.

1. MMBW House Service Cover No. 102931 (1916-1978).
2. Miles Lewis, "Australian Architectural Index".
3. MMBW records.

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Alterations

Unsympathetic
additions

Existing Grading B2.

Recommended
Grading C*2.

The history researcher for the Heritage Study has made an error in allocating the MMBW cover plan of another building to this property. The PIF sheet has been amended to remove the incorrect information. See attached.

The owner has provided information relating to the weatherboards being varnished rather than oiled. This has not been verified on site, but in either case, the unpainted weatherboards remain significant.

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