

PLACE IDENTIFICATION FORM

ADDRESS

997 Burke Road

TYPE

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

TITLE

"Nachemo"

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 ☐

SURVEY DATE Nov. 91.

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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 1890.

Architect John Beswicke

Builder possibly.

Elements



- ☒ Contributing garden ☐ Original or early hard landscape layout
☐ Landmark tree ☒ Original or early fence (front and side)

NOTABLE FEATURES/SIGNIFICANCE

See attached

INTEGRITY Good ☒
 Fair ☐
 Poor ☐

CONDITION Good ☒
 Fair ☐
 Poor ☐

CROSS REFERENCED INFORMATION

Associated significant garden ☒

997 BURKE ROAD

"NACHEMO"

History

The former "Nachemo", as it was known at the turn of the century, was built in 1890 for John W. Goddard, printer. Perhaps as a result of the 1890s depression, it was owned soon after by Richard Ramsden³⁶ and then, from 1893, by Alexander McNeil, ironmonger.³⁷ There were some alterations to the interior of the house and stable area from the designs of the architects, Hyndman and Bates, for Oliver Vial in 1905.³⁸

John W. Goddard, printer, was listed in the 1888-89 Hawthorn rate records as the owner of land Lot 7 in Burke Road (NAV 15 pounds).³⁹ A substantial brick building of 18 rooms was recorded for the first time in 1890-91 with a valuation of 180 pounds, when a transfer of ownership was already registered from Goddard to Richard Ramsden.⁴⁰ By 1893, the 18-roomed brick house, listed as No. 40 Burke road, was the property of Alexander McNeil, ironmonger.⁴¹ During the late 1890s it was described as a 14-roomed brick house.⁴² Later, at the turn of the century when it was occupied by Beeton Stirling, draper, the brick residence was named "Nachemo". By this date McNeil's address was in Frankston.⁴³ A 1901-2 MMBW drainage plan shows the outline of the house much as it is today. A later 1905 MMBW House Service Cover gives details of minor alterations to the interior of the house and stable area. These were carried out for the new owner, Oliver Vial, from the designs of the architects, Hyndman and Bates. Between 1906 and 1929 the property was owned by R.R. Lyton and from 1940, by R. Jones of 313 Camberwell Road.⁴⁴

Description

A two storey colonnaded mansion executed in render with a hipped slate roof (now painted red in imitation of tiles). The principal elevation facing Burke Road includes a projecting hipped wing with a shallow bay attached. Simple paired openings with half round heads and matching label moulds adorn the bay. Adjoining is the three bay colonnade, the side bays wider than the centre bay. The balustrade is executed in render and its decoration continued across the facade to imply a balcony at the bay. The colonnade columns arise from balustrade piers to become short corinthian columns on the first floor.

³⁶. Hawthorn RB 1890-91 Eastern Division No. 3849.

³⁷. Ibid. 1893-94 Auburn Ward No. 6295.

³⁸. MMBW House Service Cover No. 47614 (1905-40).

³⁹. Hawthorn RB 1888-89 No. 3370.

⁴⁰. Ibid. 1890-91 No. 3849.

⁴¹. Ibid. 1893-94 No. 6295.

⁴². Ibid. 1897-98 No. 279.

⁴³. Ibid. 1900-1901 No. 6300.

⁴⁴. MMBW House Service Cover No. 47614.

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On the ground floor they are of grander proportions extending to the verandah level. Simple render mouldings run through the facade as string courses and additional render embellishment is provided at the eaves by paired brackets interspersed with raised panels. Four chimney stacks are prominent on the skyline. Overall the elevation is well proportioned and presents an image of restrained elegance.

A magnificent wrought iron fence on a bluestone plinth graces the front boundary and mammoth side brick walls confine the garden, defined at the front by giant piers.

Assessment

The design has not been attributed to a particular architect, but its detailing strongly suggests the work of John Beswicke. The design is substantially similar to Beswicke's work at 10 Laurel Court nearby and to the predicted Beswicke design at 11 Lyndhurst Crescent. Numerous other examples of Beswicke's use of colonnades occur including the magnificent mansion at 405 Tooronga Road by Beswicke and Coote. Beswicke made this style his trademark and the colonnaded form with or without a tower is synonymous with mansions. This example is externally amongst the most intact. Its magnificent wrought iron fence is the most elaborate surviving residential fence in Hawthorn and equal to the quality of the superb fence at Parliament Gardens.

Significance

Metropolitan

1. Architecturally significant, as one of the best examples of wrought iron fencing in Melbourne.
2. Architecturally significant as a probable John Beswicke design, and amongst the most intact of a colonnaded style type developed extensively by Beswicke in Hawthorn.



The Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works.

Litho. No 1554

Detail 1 No. 1554

Drainage Plan No. 47614

PLAN OF DRAINAGE

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115 Oliver Vial O & O
Hyndman & Bates 47 Queen St. Melb. Agents
MUNICIPALITY: CITY OF HAWTHORN

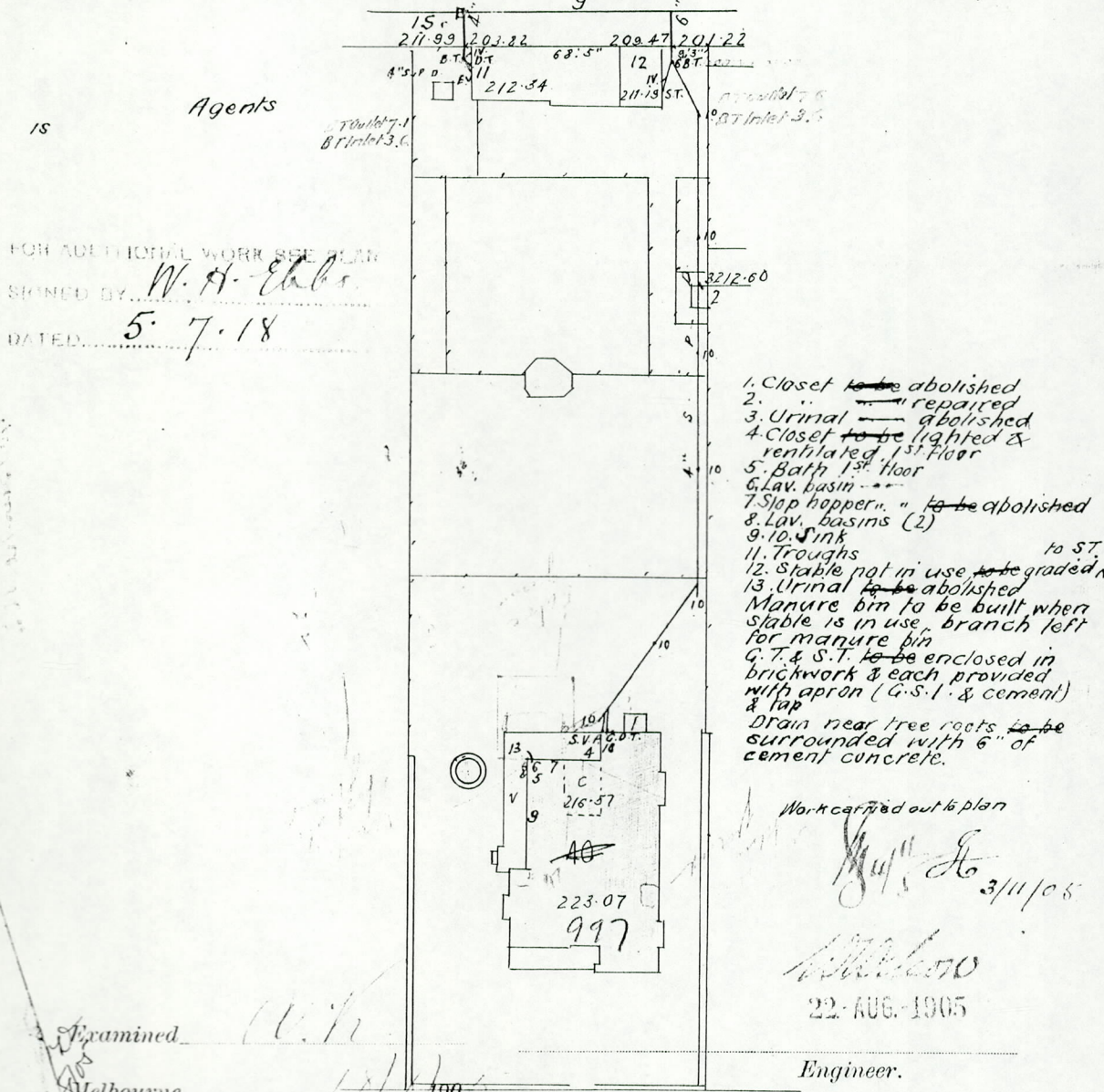
REFERENCE:

B.T. Boundary Trap	R.T. Reflux Trap	I.O. Inspection Opening
D.T. Disconnecter Trap	S.T. Silt Trap	E.V. Educt Vent
G.T. Gully Trap	C.I.P. Cast Iron Pipe	I.V. Induct Vent
G.D.T. Gully Disconnecter Trap	G.W.I.P. Galv. Wrought Iron Pipe	S.V.P. Soil Vent Pipe
G.I.T. Grease Interceptor Trap	S.P.D. Stoneware Pipe Drain	V.P. Ventilating Pipe
G.S.T. Gully Silt Trap	I.C. Inspection Chamber	M.F. Mica Flap

(See Sewerage By-Law No. 9.)

Scale—40 ft. to 1 inch

£140—





997 Burke Road

PLACE IDENTIFICATION FORM - PRIVATE GARDENS

ADDRESS 997 Burke Road
Hawthorn

TYPE

☐ Cottage Garden ☐ Suburban Garden
☐ Terrace House Garden ☐ View
☐ Villa Garden ☐ Landmark
☐ City Mansion Garden ☐ Other

TITLE

EXISTING DESIGNATION

HBR ☐ AHC ☐ NT ☐ SIGN. T. ☐ VGS ☐

STREETSCAPE LEVEL

1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☒

GRADING

A ☐ B ☐ C ☒ D ☐ E ☐

RECOMMENDED FOR

HBR ☐ AHC ☐ SIGNIFICANT TREE REG. ☐ PSP ☐
 CULTURAL LANDSCAPE ☐ URBAN CONSERVATION AREA ☐

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DETAILS

Date

Designer

Layout/Structures

Extremely ornate cast-iron gate and fence. Wisteria covered wooden arbour behind gates over front path leading straight to front door. Path layout original. Plantings 10-20 years. Fountain on southern side of house possibly original. Back garden?

NOTABLE FEATURES/SIGNIFICANCE

Further investigation required.

INTEGRITY Good ☐
 Fair ☒
 Poor ☐

CONDITION Good ☐
 Fair ☒
 Poor ☐

ALTERATIONS

CROSS REFERENCED INFORMATION

Associated Structures ☒

As the gardens were only surveyed from the front footpath, all assessments are incomplete and hence provisional. The scope of the study did not permit garden access which would be a pre-requisite for a more complete assessment.

