

COTTAGE

Place No. 69

ADDRESS

228 Bulleen Road
Bulleen

Last Update 21/03/2005

DESCRIPTION

The house at 228 Bulleen Road, Bulleen is a small, symmetrical timber cottage clad in square edge weatherboards. It has a corrugated iron roof, gable ends, central doorway with windows either side and skillion annexe to the rear. The front windows have been unsympathetically replaced with aluminium picture windows and the verandah is recent. The highlight above the front door also appears to have had new glass, perspex or plastic installed. There is little garden other than a large Italian cypress (*Cupressus sempervirens*) to the north at the rear of the cottage.

The cottage is now surrounded by flats and commercial development.

Condition	Good	Integrity	Altered
Threats	Sale	Key elements	Building Tree(s)
Designer			

HISTORY

This small 1920s timber cottage has local historical interest for its occupancy during the 1930s by the Heffernan family. Jimmy Heffernan, who was a keen gardener with a special love of roses, is said to have lived at 228 Bulleen Road during those years. He was among the many people who helped John and Sunday Reed to establish the famous garden at their Heide property in Bulleen.

Catherine Sweetman was the registered owner of the site of 228 Bulleen Road in 1914 (1) A search of Templestowe Riding rate records confirmed that the property was vacant land until 1922-23. In that year the property was described as containing a house on half an acre in Bulleen Road valued at 18 pounds.(2) From 1930 until at least 1939-40, the Bulleen Road house was owned by Mrs Sweetman and occupied by Mrs Catherine Heffernan (presumably the wife of Jimmy?).(4). Mrs Sweetman owned No 228 until the late 1950s. In 1957, probate for Lot 1 in Plan of Subdivision 37015 was granted to Doris O'Brien and Gladys Cardiff Ford. This is the site of No.228.

The story of Jimmy Heffernan's association during the 1930s with the gardening history of the Reeds famous Heide garden is told in Janine Burke's recent book, 'The Heart Garden. Sunday Reed and Heide'. (5).Sunday and John reed wanted to design the garden themselves rather than using a professional garden designer. During the 1930s they were helped by friends, neighbours and, most of all, by the landscape painter and friend, Neil Douglas. Locals who helped were Mick Riddell, 'a full-time helper' and Thomas James (Jimmy) Heffernan. Jimmy Heffernan is described as 'a gentle fellow who assisted the Reeds and stayed with them for the next decade. Jimmy was also a keen gardener and loved roses.' (7). Work on the Heide garden began in 1936 with the help of Douglas, who was living in a cottage in Bayswater. The Reeds paid him a small wage and he lived at Heide from Tuesdays to Fridays. (8). However, the Heide garden, despite the help of friends and others, 'was always the work of Sunday's hands.' She was particularly involved with the creation of the 'Heart Garden', enclosed with high brick walls and located close to the kitchen area. This 'secret garden' was created in 1949. (9).

SOURCES

[1] Certificate of Title Vol. 5840 Fol. 874.
(2) Shire of Doncaster Rate Book 1922-23, Templestowe Riding No. 230.
(3) Ibid 1920-21, No. 1018
(4) Ibid 1930-31, No. 402; 1939-40 No. 325.
(5) Certificate of Title Vol. 8189 Fol. 204
(6) Janine Burke, 'The Heart Garden. Sunday and Heide', 2004.
(7) Burke, op.cit.pp.141,142.
(8) Ibid, p.152.
(9) Ibid, pp.155, 162.

Also - Maris Taylor, pers. comm.

Creation Date	1922-23	Change Dates	
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	Associations	Local Themes		
	Jimmy Heffernan	7.02 - Cottages		
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE	What is Significant? The cottage at 228 Bulleen Road, Bulleen was constructed in 1992-23 for Catherine Sweetnam who rented it out. From 1930 until about 1939, it was occupied by Jimmy Heffernan who was a gardener that helped to establish and maintain the garden developed by Sunday and John Reed at their nearby property, Heide.			
	How is it Significant? The cottage at 228 Bulleen Road, Doncaster is of local historic significance to Manningham City.			
	Why is it Significant? The cottage at 228 Bulleen Road, Doncaster is of historic interest for its association with Jimmy Heffernan who was one of the gardeners at Heide, the nearby property of eminent arts patrons Sunday and John Reed. (RNE criteria H.1)			
LEVEL	Local interest			
RECOMMENDATIONS				
	Heritage Register Listings			
	Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
	None Specified			
	Extent			
	Heritage Schedule			
	External Paint Controls:	On VHR:	VHR Ref No:	
	Internal Alteration Controls:	Prohibited Uses:		
	Tree Controls:	Aboriginal Heritage Place:		
	Outbuildings or Fences:	Incorporated Plan:	Incorporated Plan Details	
	Description:			
	Conservation Management			
	Extra Research			
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