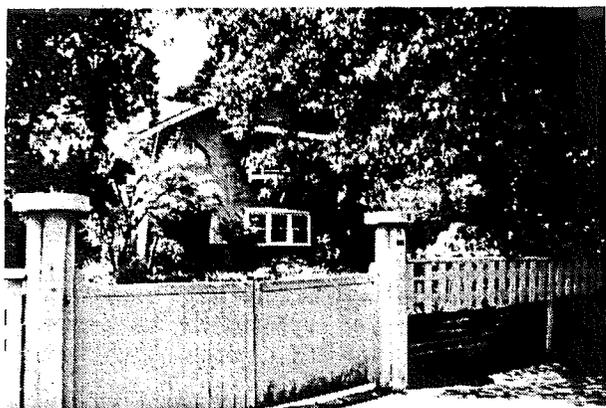


Camberwell Conservation Study 1991 BUILDING CITATION

House, 23 Sunnyside Avenue, Camberwell



Study Grading: A
Precinct: 8.00 Streetscape: 2
Construction Date: 1920
First Owner: Le Leu, Frank N builder
Builder: Le Leu Brothers

History

Owner-builders, Le Leu Brothers, erected a brick dwelling of ten rooms on this property in 1920¹. Frank Norman Le Leu, a builder and timber merchant, occupied the property from its establishment until the early 1940s². Colin J. and Abigail Chisholm owned and occupied the residence by 1950³. Abigail Chisholm resided here until after 1974⁴.

Frank N. and F.J. Le Leu built other residences in the area including flats at 7 Mangan Street, Balwyn and a brick residence at 166 Whitehorse Road, Camberwell⁵. Frank Le Leu was a Camberwell City Councillor 1935-48.

Description

This is an unusual house design for the home of a designer-builder, appearing instead to have been architect designed. Taking on the British Edwardian Freestyle manner, such as practised by Voysey⁶ and Edward Lutyens⁷, the house also could be connected to the Bungalow ilk via the Swiss Chalet Bungalow. It is two-storey, stuccoed with a clinker brick base, and has a gabled and tiled roof. The windows are distributed in an

informal fashion across the facade, some arched lunette type openings others boxed and others bayed: most have diamond-pattern leading and all are timber framed.

The fence is also notable with unusual piers, gates and broad-trellis panels set over a brick base. Mature period landscape surrounds the house.

Comparative Examples

The following Camberwell sites may be compared with this site.

- 19, THE RIDGE, 1916
- 12, HUNTER ROAD, 1918
- 9, SEFTON PLACE, 1919-20
- 6, CHRISTOWEL STREET, 1919
- 718, RIVERSDALE ROAD, 1919
- 33, BROADWAY, 1920
- 158, MONT ALBERT ROAD, 1920
- 11, PRETORIA STREET, 1920
- 23, SUNNYSIDE AVENUE, 1920
- 286, UNION ROAD, 1920
- 44, CURRAJONG AVENUE, 1920c
- 6, IRAMOO STREET, 1920c
- 17, THREADNEEDLE STREET, 1920c
- 65, YARRBAT AVENUE, 1920c
- 42, SPENCER STREET, 1921-3
- 899, TOORAK ROAD, 1921
- 930, BURKE ROAD, 1922
- 210, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1922
- 16, ALMA ROAD, 1923
- 648, BURKE ROAD, 1923
- 21, CANTERBURY ROAD, 1923
- 31, DEEPDENE ROAD, 1923
- 7, WARWICK AVENUE, 1923
- 90, MONT ALBERT ROAD, 1924-5
- 168A, MONT ALBERT ROAD, 1924-5
- 9, ROCHESTER ROAD, 1924-6
- 630-638, BURKE ROAD, 1924
- 322-394, CAMBERWELL ROAD, 1924
- 12, MONT ALBERT ROAD, 1924
- 10, FITZGERALD STREET, 1924c
- 11, ALMA ROAD, 1925(?)
- 269, UNION ROAD, 1925-6c
- 10, DONNA BUANG STREET, 1925
- 2, MARTIN ROAD, 1925
- 4, ST. ANDRIES STREET, 1925
- 1, THREADNEEDLE STREET, 1925
- 931, TOORAK ROAD, 1925
- 118, WATTLE VALLEY ROAD, 1925
- 55, BATH ROAD, 1925c
- 77, GREYTHORNE ROAD, 1925c
- 1, THREADNEEDLE STREET, 1925c
- 359, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1925c
- 513, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1925c
- 146, YARRBAT AVENUE, 1925c

External Integrity

Generally original.

1 BA 1920, 878
 2 D1925; D1940; ER 1938
 3 D1950
 4 D1962; D1974
 5 q.v.; CCS 1986, p.56
 6 see The Orchard, Hertfordshire, 1901
 7 see Deanery Gardens, Sonning, 1901

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Streetscape Contribution

A major contributor to the important Sunnyside Estate precinct (8).

Significance

Architecturally, an outstanding, well-preserved and distinctive house design, skillfully adapting what appears to be an English Edwardian Freestyle inspiration, in a period landscape setting also a major contributor to an important Bungalow era estate: of State importance.

Historically, interesting as the residence of Frank Le Leu, a prominent figure in local building activity: of regional interest.

NOTE: Additional information has been forwarded to Council relating to this property, which, at this stage, has not been incorporated into the original citation from the Camberwell Conservation Study 1991.
