

PRECINCT: 7.05
BENDIGO EAST TWENTIETH CENTURY RESIDENTIAL



3-30

Nolan Street

LGA: BENDIGO CITY MAP: 7.07

Contributory Streets:

Carnardine, Edwardian, 1920-30, timber
Hargreaves, Edwardian, 1920-30, timber
Nolan, Edwardian, 1920-30, timber
Wilkie, Edwardian, Victorian, timber

History/Description

As Hargreaves Street extended further east, so did land sales occur later in the 19th Century, one block at the corner of Tomlins Street being sold in 1920.¹

At the Nolan Street railway crossing there is a signal box, marking the corner of long-term largely vacant land just outside the track reserve, but shown thinly sprinkled with buildings on an early Parish Plan. This is also the point where the Inglewood railway branched off the Echuca line in 1876.² Just a block to the south was the Sandhurst Cattle Market and, further to the east, the Powder Magazine.³ A spur line connected the market with the Echuca line and, to the north, another line branched to Heathcote (1888). At this point the railway workshops opened in

¹ Parish Plan CA13/57C
² Harrigan, p.283
³ Annotated Parish Plan

1917, adding to an expanding industrial precinct which presumably, in turn, created housing needs, particularly in the Wilkie Carwardine Streets area.

Carwardine Street had two households (John Grant, John McMahon) in the World War One era, expanding to three by the mid-1920s and four by c1930.¹ The householder names changed frequently. Wilkie Street still has old timber houses (6-14) scattered through mainly Edwardian neighbours, possibly remnants of the cluster of houses shown in earlier Parish Plans. Residents here were more long-term, with Thomas Foley (Carter), Charles Wilkinson (farmer), Miss Mary Carroll (dressmaker) and David Hutchison (carpenter) being among the recurring names.²

In the Hargreaves Street part of the precinct, notable houses and early occupiers were Charles W Clapton (miner) in 34, James Watson in 55 and Albert Woodward in 14-16 Hargreaves Street.³

Significance

Overall, the group represents well a later phase of residential development in the city than is seen elsewhere, which may be related to the growth of service industries nearby, such as the Electricity Supply Company and railway workshops.

¹ D1915-30
² D1915-30; ER1912
³ D1915-30; ER1912