

arch ground level windows, with hoods integral with the main roof, distinctive chimney caps and the verandah column detailing is similar to contemporary house designs by the Tompkins Brothers.

Streetscape

Part of a generally Edwardian villa streetscape which represents the Edwardian extension of the Geelong Road area of locally prominent households.

House

37-39 Ballarat Road, Footscray

History

(refer Hooper's Buildings, Barkly Street) Built in 1911-12 as the home of Edward T. Hooper, Footscray and Brunswick draper, it is likely that this house was designed by the prolific commercial architectural firm of F.B. & H.W. Tompkins, who designed Hooper's new Brunswick store and alterations to the Footscray store in the same period.¹ After 1930 the owner-occupier was Footscray greengrocer, Thomas O'Callaghan.² It was Wyndham Flats in the 1950s³

Description

An attic style brick Queen Anne, like many of its neighbours, the house's neglected state belies the skill of the timber verandah-arch detailing and the intrinsic picturesque qualities of the composition. Typically the massing is disposed against the backdrop of a high-hip Eastern 'teahouse' roof. Mainly gabled room bays, at ground and attic level, protrude in all directions, using half-timbered gables and fretted timber detailing. The entrance is from a porch attached on the north. Of note are the Chinese chimney tops, with their pagoda-like forms and associated long tapered shafts. Leadlight glazing in both simple and intricate patterns is used throughout.

Exotic shrubbery (palms, cotoneaster and pitosporum), although unkept, provides a period setting for the house and relates to the notable Edwardian Footscray Park opposite. A disused fountain also appears to be part of the original plan.

External Integrity

Escape stair added and attic balustrading altered; fence (picket?) removed.

Streetscape

Adjoined on both sides by similarly styled houses and part of a locally valuable, generally early, 20th Century streetscape which is contemporary with the notable park opposite.

Significance

Architecturally altered in detail but retains essence of original adept Queen Anne styled design, with notable detailing, and is part of a locally important residential streetscape. Historically, intimately linked with Footscray's foremost retailing family.

House

51 Ballarat Road, Footscray

History

William Shaw commissioned this house in 1914 for his own use. One Albert E. Bowdern owned and occupied it in the 1930s, followed by a long residency by James McCall.⁴

Little is known of Shaw: a William Shaw (a gardener, of Blackrock) was buried at Footscray cemetery in 1957. Another was buried there in 1891.⁵ This William Shaw was possibly of the licensed grocer firm, Shaw & Co., whose premises were at the southern corner of Nicholson and Hopkins Streets⁶

Description

Situated among the city's best Edwardian houses, this one is only partly visible from the street, having been recently encased within high brick walls. Differing slightly in its design approach, the house achieves a little more of the picturesque by the attic porch placement, on the angle, looking back towards Flemington. Otherwise the high-hip slated roof, with its terra-cotta detail, corresponds with the domestic Queen Anne

1 MMBW CF73342; 01915-20
2 D1930-45, R Cocks
3 D1950,1955
4 MMBW CF93387; D1920-65
5 FCR
6 Lack



4-6 51 Ballarat Road

Style pattern. Chimney-top details are also mildly unusual.

External Integrity
(Obscured)

Generally original (as viewed from the street) except - replacement of the assumed picket fence by high brick walls.

Streetscape

Among the city's best Queen Anne and Bungalow Style house group, albeit interspersed with unrelated new development (47, 53).

Significance

Architecturally, potentially a skillful application of the Queen Anne domestic style, as expressed by its attic

placement and detailing also supporting a notable group of contemporary houses.

Warren & Brown Pty. Ltd. Engineering Workshops
113-115 Ballarat Road

History

Appropriately enough, this complex developed on the site of an old livery stable (113) which was occupied by B. Cakebread and, later, Martin McGrath, before the Warren & Brown tenure (c1938)¹. Next door (115), Ivan Hutcheson lived in a four-room timber house which was eventually demolished². Warren & Brown substantially improved their holding in c1939-40 and it is probable that the brick offices and workshop section facing Ballarat Road, was built then³. One of the owners, William H Warren, lived close by at 58 Stirling

1 VFC 1937-43: D1935,1940
2 *ibid.*
3 *loc. cit.* 1939-40 NAV £50, 1940-41 £250