
Prahran Conservation Review: Selected A2 Buildings

Name: Ballara

Number: 49

Street: Lansell Road

Locality: Toorak

Precinct: 13

Architect/builder: Chris A. Cowper [1]

Date/s of construction: 1914 [1]

Owners/ occupiers: Dr. F. Hudson-Eastwood [1]

Why important?: A very good example of the adapted Georgian style that evolved at this period. This design would have been innovative for the period with the bold simple roof forms, fenestration and massing and the use of roughcast for the entire building. Particular refinements are provided by the slender tapered chimneys, the elegant glazing of the projecting front bays, the open terrace and loggia, and projecting entry porch. The fence and gates complement the design and feature unusual tapered piers. The intervals between the piers have been infilled with brickwork in lieu of iron (presumably to match the gates). Otherwise extremely intact. Possibly a progenitor for a significant architectural style in Melbourne.

A2 + (A1 if intact internally).

Key research sources: [1] MMBW House Cover 93786.

Comparison with McCutcheon house in Studley Avenue, Kew, (c1917), required.

UCA Status: Not in reviewed UCA areas

Suggested ranking: A2 +