NEWTOWN URBAN CONSERVATION STUDY. - 'C' CITATIONS. Ref: 18

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NAME:

ADDRESS: 17 Aphrasia Street.

USE: House.

CONSTRUCTION DATE: (late?) 1920s SOURCE: Visual & 1

DESIGNER: — BUILDER:

CRITERIA: H1, Ar1. HISTORIC THEME: 2.3

DESCRIPTION: STYLE: Spanish STORIES: 1 DETACHED.

MATERIALS: WALLS Render ROOF Tiles STRUCTURE Lb.

CONDITION: Excellent. INTACTNESS: Excellent.

THREATS: —

SIGNIFICANT INTACT ELEMENTS:

TILES. MATERIALS. FORM. PORTE COCHERE. ROOF FORM. CHIMNEY. WINDOWS.

CONTEXT No. 16.

SIGNIFICANCE:

TYPE: HISTORICAL. ARCHITECTURAL.

LEVEL: LOCAL.

DESIGNATION EXISTING: PLANNING SCHEME.

RECOMMENDED CONTROL: PLANNING SCHEME.

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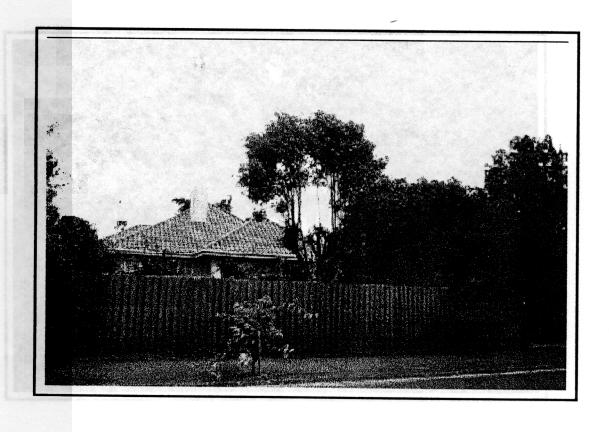
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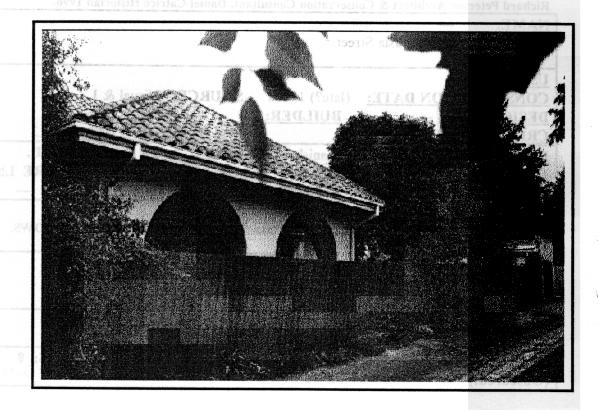
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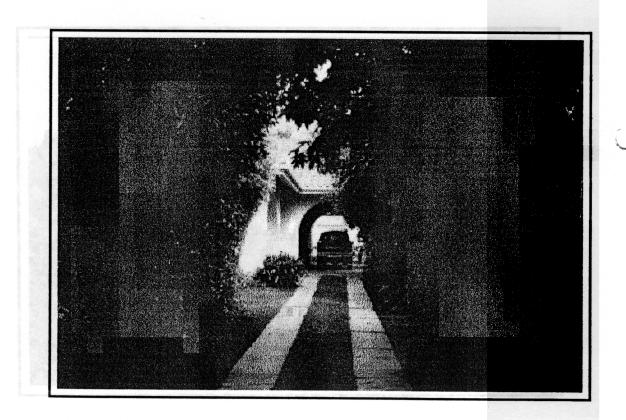
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¹ City of Newtonia and Clithrell Europaper. Per Sandy & McDaugell Directory of Europia. 1990 1997.

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HISTORY: This brick house was built for Keith McKewan in the popular Spanish Mission style in 192?. By the late 1920s, the house was owned and occupied by Ruth McKewan. She lived at this address throughout the 1930s, but by the close of that decade the owners were E.A. and W.K. McKewan. After the Second World War, the house was occupied by Hubert C. French.¹

VISUAL DESCRIPTION: A double-fronted Spanish Mission-influenced rendered brick (?) house, with a hipped roof clad with Cordoba terra-cotta tiles. The right bay is set forward with broad ached windows. The left window has louvred shutters, which may be original. At right is a splendid broad arched porte-cochère. There is no decoration at all. (Obscured).

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS: No. 16 (ref: 18) has a similar plan, form and date to no. 15 (ref: 16), but a different architectural style. If the house was built in the 1920s, then it could be a particularly early example of this style in Geelong.

SIGNIFICANCE: An unusual and interesting Spanish Mission house built in the 1920s.

It is architecturally significant locally as a fine and intact surviving example of the Spanish Mission style. It is historically significant locally as an embodiment of a particular way of life in Newtown between the wars and perhaps of the aspirations of its owner. Also probably as an early and pioneering example of this style here.

INTACTNESS: Apparently, excellent. The porch may have been infilled to form the right projecting bay.

CONDITION & THREATS: Excellent. None.

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¹ City of Newtown and Chilwell Ratebooks, 192?, 1927-28, 1937-38. Sands & McDougall Directory of Victoria, 1946, 1956, 1961, 1970.