

chimney caps suggest the Eastern influence and correspond with those designed by the architect, Purnell.

The chain-wire perimeter fence and iron gate probably replaced round-head timber picket, as soon in the surviving posts and frame. However, the cypress hedge and general shrub choice are all sympathetic to the house era. Beyond the house, a large contemporary stable complex (obscured) presumably relates to the family's business.

External Integrity

Picket fence replaced.

Streetscape

On an exposed corner site, it adjoins an Edwardian house and opposes a Victorian villa. Other Victorian era houses lie to the south.

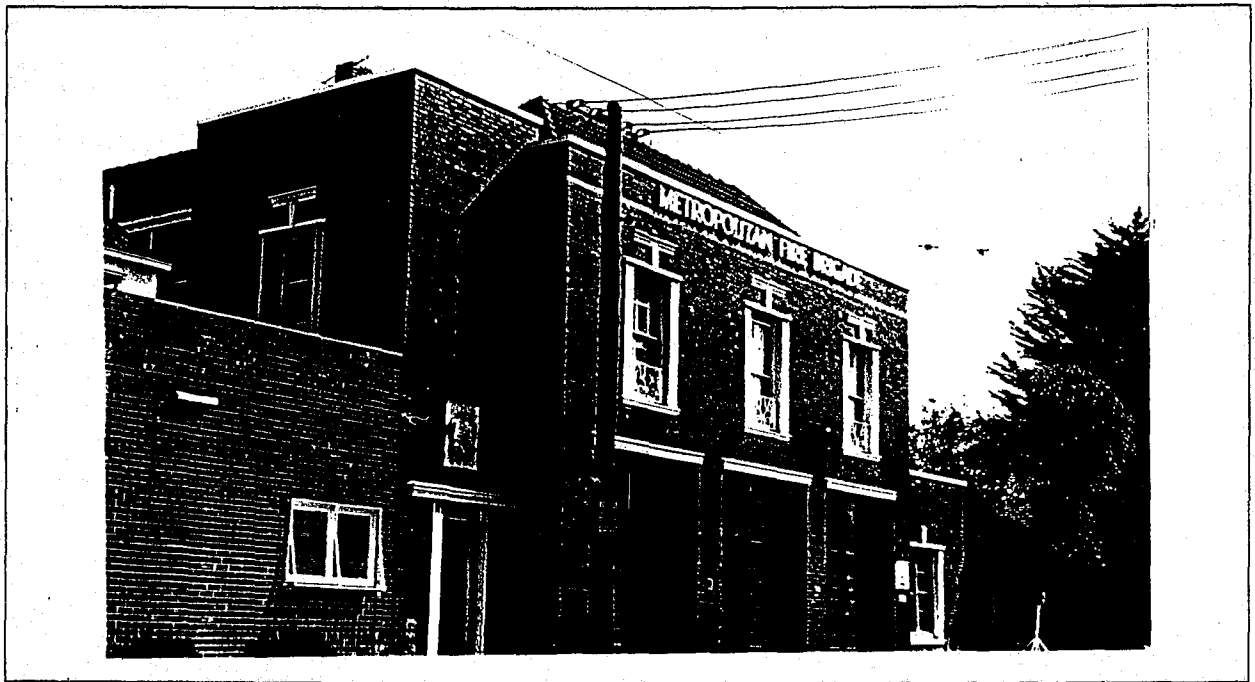
Significance

Architecturally, a substantial suburban house and stable in an early but transitional form of the Bungalow style which is substantially intact. Historically, it is linked with one of Footscray's more prominent family businesses, in this case linked with the locally important meat trade.

Footscray Fire Station 69-71 Droop Street

History

This fire station and altered residential flats were built in 1941-2 by Prentice Pty. Ltd. to the design of Stuart Calder. The memorial stone was laid by South Melbourne's former mayor and Port Melbourne M.L.A., Cr. James L. Murphy, and the proprietors were the Melbourne and Metropolitan Fire Brigade Board.¹ Calder designed other fire stations at Box Hill



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1 F.ST.9/10/41; Browne, *Biographical Register of the Victorian Parliament 1900-84*, p.160

and elsewhere, following the tradition of long-term tenure for architects by the Board.

The brigade members resident there included Sam Parsons, Morris Logan, Walter Swingler, Joseph Jennings, Reg Wilcox, Thomas R. Naughton, Cornis McGennis, Ernest Ascott, and Thomas Allan.¹ McGennis, Swingler and Parsons were among the long-tenure residents.²

Prior to 1941, the station was located at 7-9 Droop Street, under officer Edgar Shaw³ and before that, S. T. Mauger⁴ and J.W. Holliday.⁵ It is not surprising therefore that an early photograph shows the brigade 'practising' on the nearby Royal Hotel (q.v.).⁶

Description

The station takes on the contemporary red brick and cement Georgian revival style, more commonly used for residences in the eastern suburbs. It contrasts with other stations of the era, designed in the Moderne/Modern style of the architects Seabrooke and Fildes in suburbs such as Brunswick and Windsor.⁷ Symmetry and stylised revival detail are essential aspects of this elevation.

External Integrity

Generally original, with additions to the south.

Streetscape

Isolated as a major utility building.

Significance

One of the city's more architecturally accomplished public utility buildings which has remained essentially unaltered from the street view.

**Whinbrae House
37 Fairlie Street**

History

Percy William White, a brassmoulder, had previously resided with William (quarryman), John (retired), John Jnr. (labourer) and Elizabeth White at 179 Hyde Street, Yarraville,⁸ before this house was built in Elizabeth's name, during 1924. The family appears to have then moved to 30 Smith Street, Yarraville.⁹ Percy was the listed occupant there for at least a further 20 years.¹⁰

Description

A Bungalow-styled house, it possesses the broad overlapping gabled roofs, extended eaves-brackets and extensive gable shingling seen typically with this style type. Apart from the modest Eastern-styled verandah, the front focus lies with the projecting room bay and its impressive semi-circular leadlight window bay; also, the entrance porch possesses a broad archway and oculus window. Part of the original boundary picket fence survives on the south side of the block.

External Integrity

Front fence replaced (1930-40s ?).

Streetscape

Commences a series of broad-gabled roof houses which extends north also adjoins the notable 34 Someville Road.

Significance

Architecturally, a successfully designed, well preserved and extensive Bungalow-style house. Historically, little is known of the White family in the context of Footscray's history.

1 D1945
 2 D1950-55
 3 D1935
 4 D1915-20, Mauger was probably a relation of the parliamentarian for Maribyrnong
 5 1900
 6 FFOY p.103
 7 Text of Footnote
 8 MMBW CF138553; D1920-45; ER1908
 9 ibid.
 10 D1945