

# MASTERTON RESIDENCE (FMR), MOUNT HAWTHORN



| PLACE INFORMATION  |                              |
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| <b>Place name</b>  | Masterton Residence (fmr)    |
| <b>Other names</b> | House, 150 Coogee St         |
| <b>Place type</b>  | Individual building or group |

| HERITAGE LISTING                |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| <b>inHerit ID:</b>              | 17991                                   |
| <b>State Heritage Register:</b> |   |
| <b>Other Listing:</b>           | Municipal Inventory Adopted 12 Sep 2006 |

| SITE LOCATION         |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Street address</b> | 150 Coogee St     |
| <b>Locality</b>       | MOUNT HAWTHORN    |
| <b>Survey</b>         | LOT 400 D/P 69175 |
| <b>Vol/folio</b>      | 2794/975          |
| <b>Reserve</b>        |                   |

| SIGNIFICANCE                     |  |
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| <b>Level of significance</b>     | <b>Considerable</b><br>Very important to the heritage of the locality. High degree of integrity/ authenticity  |
| <b>Management category</b>       | <b>Category 2</b><br>Conservation of the place is highly desirable. Any alterations or extensions should minimise impacts on the original site or building and reinforce the significance of the place.  |
| <b>Statement of significance</b> | It is a fine and representative example of an Interwar California Bungalow executed in brick and corrugated metal sheeting.<br><br>The house has historic value as the family home of the Masterton family, including Hazel Hawke, nee Masterton, wife of Prime Minister Bob Hawke.<br><br>The place is valued by the community for the continuity of its presence in the streetscape which contributes to the community sense of place. |

## PLACE USE

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| <b>Original use</b> | Residential: Single Storey Residence |
| <b>Current use</b>  | Residential: Single Storey Residence |
| <b>Other use</b>    |                                      |

## CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

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| <b>Construction date</b>    | c1923  |
| <b>Walls</b>                | Rendered Brick<br>Common Brick   |
| <b>Roof</b>                 | Corrugated sheet metal   |
| <b>Architectural Style</b>  | Inter War California Bungalow  |
| <b>Physical description</b> | The single storey dwelling has a hipped roof with a double front gable feature. A full gable over the protruding front room and a truncated gable over the wide verandah. The verandah roof is supported by square rendered columns on a stepped base supported by the face brick dado wall. The front walls have a dado brick work and render above. The garage on the side is an open structure with a large gable roof. |
| <b>Condition</b>            | Good   |
| <b>Integrity</b>            | High   |
| <b>Authenticity</b>         | High   |

## HISTORICAL INFORMATION

No. 150 Coogee Street was part of Swan Location 724, Lot 215. It was the childhood home of Hazel Hawke (nee Masterton), former wife of Prime Minister Bob Hawke. Hazel wrote in her biography *My Own Life* that 'It was not long after this holiday that we moved into a brick house Mum and Dad built on the other half of their double block in Coogee St. The big gum trees had to go! Dad owned a block in the smarter suburb of Nedlands, over near the Swan River, but Mum was too attached to Mount Hawthorn to leave. It was where she felt comfortable and it was near her sisters.' 'Dad built paths, enclosed the large back verandah and built a summerhouse the width of the block for Mum to fill with wondrous ferns and flowering exotics.' 'There was a huge, flat lawn at the back to play on and a curved wall on the front verandah where for years to come all the family photos were taken in the afternoon sun.'

From 1924 until 1928 James Masterton, an accountant, is shown in the Wise's Post Office Directories as owning house No. 120 Coogee Street. From 1929 until 1936 he is listed at No. 148 (the blocks had been renumbered). The 1937 and 1938 issues show No. 148 as vacant and the Mastertons at No. 152. Around 1939 he erected a second house on the vacant block next door and the new house was then numbered 150, the previous one then being renumbered as 152. On his death in 1959 James' widow Edith inherited in the property.

In 1960 the house was purchased by another daughter Edith (Hazel's sister) and her husband Ronald William Baker. No. 148, a weatherboard and iron building that was the Mastertons' first home, was demolished in 2002 and replaced by a modern four bedroom residence with a swimming pool. Hazel attended the nearby Mount Hawthorn State School in Matlock Street and many past students and other local families remember her musical skills. It was through her music that she met Bob Hawke, who was Prime Minister of Australia from 1983 to 1991. Hazel later wrote her autobiography and became involved in a broad range of organisations, including Alzheimer's Australia.

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Aerial photographs from the mid 20th century onwards indicate that an extension was added to the subject site in the early 1980s, though this extension was demolished when the block was subdivided around 2009. In 2011 a carport was added to the front block, where the original residence remained. The back block appears to now be connected to the neighbouring block at No. 148 as a pool was added, with sheltered pathways running to the back of No. 148.

**HISTORICAL INFORMATION**

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| <b>Historic theme</b> | Peopling WA: Demographic development<br>Cultural Life: Domestic Life        |                      |
| <b>Associations</b>   | Masterton family  | Owners and occupiers |
| <b>Sources</b>        | Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006<br>Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024. |                      |

**ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS**

