

MENZIES RESIDENCE (FMR), MOUNT HAWTHORN



| PLACE INFORMATION | |
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| Place name | Menzies Residence (fmr) |
| Other names | House, 77 Fairfield St |
| Place type | Individual building or group |

| HERITAGE LISTING | |
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| inHerit ID: | 17999 |
| State Heritage Register: | |
| Other Listing: | Municipal Inventory Adopted 12 Sep 2006 |

| SITE LOCATION | |
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| Street address | 77 Fairfield St |
| Locality | Mount Hawthorn |
| Survey | LOT: 130 D/P: 27458 |
| Vol/folio | 2216/79 |
| Reserve | — |

| SIGNIFICANCE | |
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| Level of significance | <p>Moderate</p> <p>Contributes to the heritage of the locality. Has some altered or modified elements, not necessarily detracting from the overall significance of the place.</p> |
| Management category | <p>Category 3</p> <p>Contributes to the heritage of the locality. Has some altered or modified elements, not necessarily detracting from the overall significance of the place.</p> |
| Statement of significance | <p>The place has aesthetic value as a fine and intact example of the Federation Queen Anne style which is a landmark on a prominent corner in the streetscape.</p> <p>The place reflects the expansion and development of residential buildings for the affluent members of the community in Mount Hawthorn during the early years of the twentieth century.</p> <p>This place is valued by the community for the continuity of its presence in the streetscape which contributes to the community sense of place.</p> |

| PLACE USE | |
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| Original use | Residential: Single Storey Residence |
| Current use | Residential: Single Storey Residence |
| Other use | |

| CONSTRUCTION DETAILS | |
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| Construction date | c1924 |
| Walls | Brick |
| Roof | Corrugated metal sheeting |
| Architectural Style | Federation Queen Anne |
| Physical description | <p>The single storey dwelling has a gambrel hipped roof over the main dwelling. A separate bull nose verandah covers what remains of the perimeter verandah. The front is elevated and on a face limestone retaining wall. The front brick steps are sideways against the recessed section of the verandah. The verandah is supported by turned timber posts.</p> <p>The front façade was originally stepped with twin gables above the faceted bay windows. The central facet has a bachelor window and each side has a slender double hung window. The walls are face brickwork. Chimneys are brick with extensive moulded stucco.</p> <p>In 2001, the place was extensively and sympathetically extended using steeping and continuation of roof forms, gable and window bay details to make the extension as seamless as possible.</p> <p>Elevated on the site. Concrete rendered retaining wall forms a fence at street level, top is ground level in the property</p> |
| Condition | Good |
| Integrity | High |
| Authenticity | High |

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The first subdivision of the area took place in 1887 and then a syndicate consisting of E. H. Wittenoom, J. A. Hicks and C. L.W. Clifton purchased it in the late 1890s. It is believed that when they subdivided it in 1903, James Hicks called his portion Hawthorn Estate as he had recently visited Hawthorne in Victoria. Later residents were unhappy with his choice and changed it to the more fashionable (at that time), Mount Hawthorn.

Fairfield Street, north of Scarborough Beach Road, was established as part of the Hawthorn Estate. It was known as Mosey Street until 1915.

There were very few residents in this period and no street numbers were allocated. One resident, Charles R. Jourdan, gave his occupation as 'poultry farmer'. In the 1916 Wise's Post Office Directories it is listed as Fairchild Street and in the 1917 edition as Fairfield. It was not until 1917 that street numbers were allocated. No. 77 is situated on the corner of Fairfield and Woodstock streets and Unity Lane runs along its western boundary.

In 1917, when the numbers were first listed in the Directories, Peter Menzies was living at No. 77 and in the 1922 City of Perth rate books he is listed as the owner/occupier of No. 77 (which was described as 'house & ground') and the owner of No. 75 next door. Menzies remained as the occupant of No. 77 until 1927.

Peter Menzies (1876-1956) was born in the Victorian town of Daylesford, the 6th of 7 surviving children born to Scottish watchmaker & Jeweller William Menzies & Englishwoman Eliza Caroline Cutler. He moved to Western Australia c1901 and worked as a watchmaker & Jeweller. Menzies was first elected councillor for North Perth Ward in 1908. In 1950, Menzies Park, in Mount Hawthorn was named in Cr. Peter Menzies honour. Menzies retired in 1951 having represented the people of North Perth Ward for 43 years.

In 1928 the house was listed in the Directories as 'vacant' and in 1929 it was occupied by Mrs W. Wittmer.

A building permit was issued for Lots 29-30 in 1924, the permit being issued to E. Kennon. Robert T. Graham was listed as the resident in the 1930s to at least 1940 but by 1949 Mrs Margaret R. Nicholson resided there.

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In 2001, Lots 1 and 2 were amalgamated and permission was granted for alterations and additions to the subject place. These were carried out by Fewster & Stone. The work restored the residence and it was considerably enlarged as a result. A swimming pool was also added in 2002 on the Woodstock Street side.

Aerial photographs from the mid 20th century onwards show the form of the residence prior to the aforementioned extension and alteration in the early 2000s. The large additions were finished by 2003. There have been no visible changes to the residence since then.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

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| Historic theme | Peopling WA: Demographic development Cultural Life: Domestic Life | |
| Associations | Peter Menzies | Original owner and occupant |
| Sources | Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006 Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024. | |

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

