

50 SHAKESPEARE ST, MOUNT HAWTHORN



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	House, 50 Shakespeare St
Other names	Dewar Residence (fmr)
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	18050
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 12 Sep 2006

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	50 Shakespeare St
Locality	Mount Hawthorn
Survey	LOT: 379 D/P: 2334
Vol/folio	229/187
Reserve	—

SIGNIFICANCE	
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>Conservation of the place is desirable.</p> <p>Any alterations or extensions should reinforce the significance of the place and retain original fabric where feasible.</p>
Statement of significance	<p>The place has aesthetic value as a fine and intact example of the Federation Queen Anne style executed in brick with original external detail remaining.</p> <p>The place is a landmark in the streetscape for its consistent form and presence since the early 20th century.</p> <p>The place reflects the expansion and development of residential buildings in Mount Hawthorn in the early 20th century for skilled tradespeople and their families.</p> <p>The place has historic value for its association with the settlement of Mount Hawthorn in the Inter War and Post War period by migrants from Greece and Italy.</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> <p>The place has social value as it still demonstrates the scale and form of a modest home typical of the early 20th century.</p>

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

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction date	c1911
Walls	Brick
Roof	Corrugated Metal Sheeting
Architectural Style	Federation Queen Anne
Physical description	<p>The single storey symmetrical dwelling has a high pitched hipped gambrel roof with twin gable features above the rectangular bay windows. A bullnose verandah extends across the entire front façade and is supported by chamfered timber posts, spanned by a valance with vertical cotton reel details.</p> <p>The main elevation is face brick with a rendered band at sill level. The windows are sets of two double hung sashes. The chimneys are tall, symmetrical, face brick with a roughcast band and moulded top detail with clay pots on top.</p> <p>The place is located within a garden setting that includes mature trees, shrubs and grass. There is no front fence on the property boundary enabling views of the place from the public realm.</p>
Condition	Good
Integrity	High
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Shakespeare Street, Mount Hawthorn was part of the Merredin Park estate developed by the Intercolonial Investment Land and Building Company, of Sydney. This company was responsible for much of the residential subdivision in Mount Hawthorn. The streets in the Merredin Park estate were all named for major cities. This section of Shakespeare Street was originally named Dublin Street. It was renamed to make it a continuation of Shakespeare Street, Leederville in 1916. According to Wise's Post Office Directories in 1905 there were just two houses in Dublin Street north of Scarborough Beach Road (then known as North Beach Road) but they were both south of Hobart Street. House numbers were not allocated until 1917. In the meantime Albert Dewar was first listed as one of four householders in Dublin Street north of Scarborough Beach Road in 1912.

Albert Dewar (c1889--1946) was a bricklayer and he and Olive McNeil (c1890-1976) married in 1908. The couple had three children, the first of which was born prior to their relocation to North Perth in c1911. This evidence and the findings from the Post Office Directories indicate this house was built circa 1911-12. It is likely that Albert Dewar was involved in the construction of the house occupied by his family until 1927.

The Directories indicate that Frederick G. Charles was residing at No. 50 in 1928 and a new house was being erected next door. By 1938 the Masonic Hall had been erected (Nos 38-42) and there was a mixed business run by Mrs L. Sandys at No. 44. George F. Charles was in residence at No. 50, indicating the house was still in the hands of the Charles family.

Many of the residents of Shakespeare Street after World War II were migrant families from Italy and Greece and one of the features of the street were the front gardens 'planted with vegetables and rows of tomatoes laden with warm red fruit, chickens roamed free-range and the smell of well-turned compost filled the air.' ('Prestige Property' in Sunday Times, 1 May 2005, p.20)

In 1949 Noel E. Hills was the resident of No. 50 and by then the street was occupied as far as Green Street.

Aerial photographs from the mid 20th century onwards show that there were very few changes to the subject place until the late 1990s when an extension was added to the rear of the residence and a new roof installed. Another small addition was completed by 2012 and there have been no other visible changes to the residence since then.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION		
Historic theme	Peopling WA: Demographic development Cultural Life: Domestic Life	
Associations	Albert and Olive Dewar and family	Owners and occupants
Sources	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006 Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024. City of Perth Rates Books	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

