

HOUSE, 143 SHAKESPEARE ST, MOUNT HAWTHORN



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	House, 143 Shakespeare St
Other names	Higham Residence
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	18051
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 13 Nov 1995

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	143 Shakespeare St
Locality	Mount Hawthorn
Survey	LOT: 2 D/P: 7506
Vol/folio	2/252A
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 Inter War Californian Bungalow style executed in brick.</p> <p>This place and similar properties adjacent demonstrate the style and scale of residences common in Mount Hawthorn when the area was established.</p> <p>The place reflects the expansion and development of residential buildings in Mount Hawthorn in the Inter War period for skilled tradespeople and their families.</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 Inter War period</p>

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

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction date	c1935
Walls	Rendered Brick
Roof	Corrugated Metal Sheeting
Architectural Style	Inter-War Californian Bungalow
Physical description	<p>The single storey brick dwelling is in an elevated location that reveals the extensive face limestone foundation across the front. The front façade is face brick to dado height and rendered above. Walls elsewhere are face brick.</p> <p>The roof is hipped with a wide span half gable over the expansive front verandah. The verandah also features a bowed dado wall that is rendered with vertical details of stacked face bricks. The piers are square and rendered. A sweeping staircase of eight red brick steps curves up to the verandah. The windows are sets of three same size casements with rich geometric art deco leadlights.</p> <p>The chimneys are tall, rendered with brick capping and clay pots. Setback from the street in an elevated position, a separate carport is located on the front property boundary. The carport features limestone block pillars supporting a hipped roof with a half gable that replicates the roof form and detail apparent in the house.</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 subdivisions 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 until 1916 when it was renamed to become a continuation of Shakespeare Street, Leederville. The Mount Hawthorn suburb boundaries were recognised by the State Electoral Commission in 1929. In the 1920s a large portion of the land off Scarborough Beach Road (North Beach Road) near Shakespeare Street was occupied by a sand excavation for the manufacture of sand bricks and on the corner of Shakespeare Street was the State Timber yard.

No. 143 Shakespeare Street was built in the 1930s and according to Wise's Post Office Directories, the first resident was shop assistant Clarence Frederick Higham (1903-1981) in 1935. Clarence married Lillian Joy Boothey (1909-1982) in 1940 and the couple lived at this house until at least the late 1970s.

In the 1930s the lower half of Shakespeare Street was described as 'North Leederville' while the northern end came under Mount Hawthorn. Plunkett's, a building company developed by carpenter Thomas Scott Plunkett, built many homes in the area after World War I, developing large areas of the suburb. No. 143 may well have been one of these.

In 1966, B & BL Bohan applied for a building licence to erect a brick bedroom and store addition.

Aerial photographs from the mid 20th century onwards indicate that the subject place had an extension added in the late 1980s and a new roof installed in the early 1990s. Further additions to the back of the residence were added around 2008 and a carport was added to the front in 2013. Additional structure was added to the back portion of the subject place in 2019 and a pool was installed in the back yard around the same time.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION		
Historic theme	Peopling WA: Demographic development Cultural Life: Domestic Life	
Associations	Clarence Frederick Higham and family	Occupant
Sources	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006 Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024.	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

