
Aratapu (a.k.a. 1 Chandler Highway)



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Location

2 Rex Avenue, ALPHINGTON VIC 3078 - Property No 273770

Municipality

YARRA CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO66

Heritage Listing

Yarra City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - July 31, 2006

The following wording is from the Allom and Lovell Building Citation, 1998 for the property. Please note that this is a "Building Citation", not a "Statement of Significance". For further information refer to the Building Citation held by the City of Yarra.

History:

Aratapu is located within Crown Portion 1 17, purchased by A Klemmis in 1840. In 1883, part of the allotment, then the Perry Brothers' Nursery, was subdivided by surveyor, Thomas Muntz, to create the Fulham Grange Two Estate. Oliver H Forster, a jeweller and watch repairer, later purchased Lot 36 of this estate and built Aratapu in 1907.

Oliver and Annie Forster remained there until c. 1920, followed by John Bennett and then Hubert Pearce, a contractor, who lived there in the 1950s.

Description:

Aratapu, 1 Chandler Highway, Alphington, is a single storey, asymmetrical timber villa on a prominent corner site. Its walls are clad in weatherboard, the hipped and gabled roof in corrugated iron. The complex roof plan incorporates a gabled bay to the south elevation and a polygonal corner bay with a corner gable to the south-east. It has terracotta ridge capping and finials and a ventilated gablet at its apex, and is penetrated by an elegant, roughcast chimney with a narrow, protruding cornice, flat, vertical strip mouldings and terracotta chimney pots. The gable-ends have timber trussed finials; the corner gable-end also has an unusual, delicate sunburst style motif. The main roof encompasses the verandah, which has a shallower-pitched skillion roof with exposed rafter-ends and timber posts, which are paired at the corner entrance. The verandah is reached by three steps flanked by heavy rendered curved walls. The front entrance, at the north end of the return verandah, has a glazed and panelled side panel, and highlights. Windows are a combination of casements with highlights, and double-hung sashes. The entrance hall has a small window with a segmental arched head.

Significance:

Aratapu, 1 Chandler Highway, Alphington, is of local architectural significance. It is a typically planned but unusually detailed Edwardian timber villa, with particularly notable gable-end and chimney details.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Yarra - Northcote Urban Conservation Study, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1982; Yarra - City of Yarra Heritage Review, Allom Lovell & Associates, 1998; Yarra - City of Yarra Review of Heritage Overlay Areas, Graeme Butler & Associates, 2007;
Construction dates	1907,
Hermes Number	103742
Property Number	

Physical Description 2

Known as 1 Chandler Highway in Clause 43 schedule.

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Integrity

Good

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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