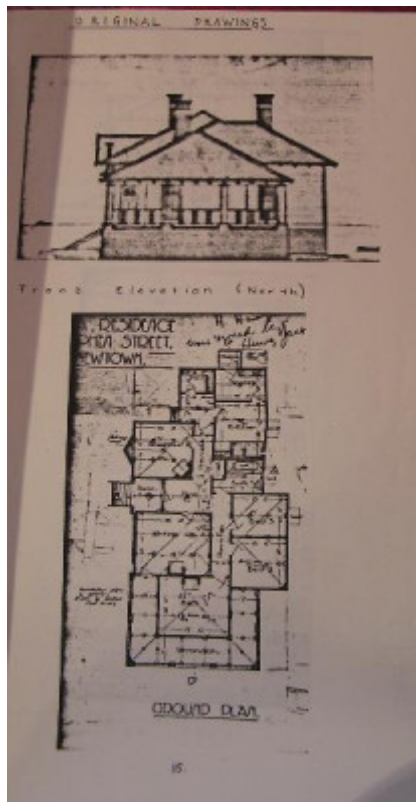

Dwelling



5A Stephen Street, Newtown



Aerial image. Pictometry, City of Greater Geelong.



Laird & Buchan, Residence, Stephen St, Newtown, 1912. W. Yates.

Location

5A Stephen Street NEWTOWN, GREATER GEELONG CITY

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO2006

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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Contributory Significance- Newtown West Heritage Area

History/Notes

In 1912, Harry Hooper engaged the well-known architects, Laird and Buchan, to design the brick dwelling at 5A Stephen Street in anticipation of his marriage. The land had been given by Hooper's father, Lloyd Hooper, as a wedding present. The house was called 'Monaro'.

Born in 1879. Harry Hooper was the son of Lloyd Hooper, successful grocer. He attended Geelong College from 1890 before taking up a position in the family business. He married Miss Dorothea Martha Hawkesworth in 1913. In 1929, he was elected as a Councillor with the Newtown Council, the Geelong Advertiser describing him as 'Happy Harry' given his 'happy, sunny-natured' personality with likeable qualities. In 1931, 'Monaro' was sold to Solomon Jacobs who transferred it to his son,

Henry Jacobs on his marriage to Miss Stella Mary Walker. Born in 1901, Henry Jacobs worked in the family drapery business in Malop Street first established in the 1850s by Henry Jacobs' grandfather, Morris Jacobs. In later years with the sale of the family business to Myer, Jacobs later served with the RAAF in World War Two. He also established another drapery and floor covering business in Colac. Henry Jacobs contributed much to community life, serving as a local councillor. He was elected Mayor in 1957. He awarded an MBE for his services to the community.

The main facade of 'Monaro' was designed to face the garden on the north side. The original composition of the hipped roofed forms survives, as does the return verandah at the north end and the main entrance on the east side. In 1945-46, the architect J.P. Mockridge (Stella Jacobs' cousin) redesigned the interior of the dwelling. In 1947, The Age featured the interior, describing it as a 'Modern interior of elegance and charm.'

Furniture was specially designed by Lester Bunbury. In 1993, a new verandah was added, with alterations occurring in 1998 and two storey additions being carried out in 2004.

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