

Hand-drawn site plan of the proposed building. The plan shows a rectangular building with a central staircase. Dimensions are noted: 10' for the top width, 10' for the right side, and 12' for the bottom side. A north arrow points upwards. A scale bar at the bottom indicates a depth of 5' approx. The plan is labeled "Proposed Bldg" and "Upper Skene St".

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO2005

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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Contributory Significance- Newtown West Heritage Area

History/Notes

The land at 27 Upper Skene Street was offered for sale as lot 2 of the McQueen Estate in 1928. It was purchased by Frank Apted. In 1935, Apted sold the site to Laurie Brooke-Ward. He had his house built by L. McQueen in 1937 where he lived with his wife, Mabel Jean (nee De Longville) Brooke- Ward.

Laurie Percival Willoughby Brooke-Ward was born in 1902 to Norman Lewlie Brooke and Lucy Dorcas Willoughby Brooke. Norman and Lucy divorced in 1908, with Lucy having relocated to Geelong with her parents in 1904. It was from this time when Laurie Brooke-Ward lived in Geelong. Educated in Geelong, Laurie Brooke-Ward was a clerk at the time of residence at Upper Skene Street. Brooke-Ward served in the Second World War, and afterwards he was a wholesale agent.

The asymmetrical, single storey timber interwar Bungalow styled dwelling is predominantly intact when viewed from the front, including the main hipped roof form and projecting minor hipped wing (clad in tiles), and the flat-roofed verandah. Other original features include the brick verandah piers with paired squat columns, flat roofed bowed bay window with timber shingled base, broad eaves, cream brick chimneys, timber framed double hung windows and the front door opening. The elevated additions at the rear (including minor gable end on the main roof ridgeline) were built in 1992. There is an introduced front timber picket fence and gates.

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Study/Consultant

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Property Number

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