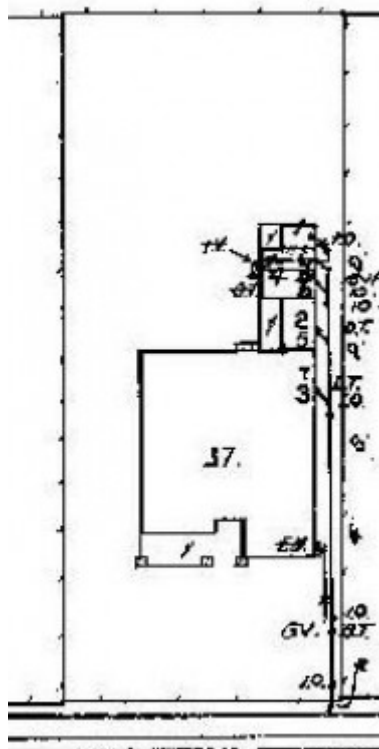


Dwelling



37 Upper Skene Street,
Newtown



GWST Drainage Plan no. 6121, 1925, Barwon Water.

Location

37 Upper Skene Street NEWTOWN, GREATER GEELONG CITY

Municipality

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 undeveloped land at 37-39 Upper Skene Street was owned by Edwardian Dickson and his successors for 70 years from 1852. It was purchased by Matthew Foggo in 1922 and he subdivided it and sold the allotment at 37 Upper Skene Street to Ronald Condie (his brother in law) in 1924. Condie built this house at that time. It was purchased by Alexander Park in 1927 who retained ownership until his death.

Alexander Park (1882-1951) was the son of Josiah Park (a blacksmith) and Mary Fairgrieves (nee Thompson) Park. He was raised at Lake Bolac where he became a grazier. Following his purchase of the dwelling at 37 Upper Skene Street, he first leased it to Ralph Dean, also a farmer, until 1934.

The timber interwar Bungalow reflects a number of original design qualities include the single storey main gabled roof, front verandah gable, broad eaves, gable infill (panelling, timber ventilator, and the bellcast boards simulating shingling in the verandah gable), timber framed casement windows (arranged in banks of three and with leadlighting in the upper sashes), and the front timber doorway. The verandah piers have been rendered but the timber posts, fretwork and brackets may be early (or has replaced fabric of similar detailing). The gabled two storey additions (constructed in 2013) are visible but the original dwelling is still discernible. There is a high rendered fence at the front and a recessive introduced gabled carport at the side.

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Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Newtown West Heritage Review 2016, D. Rowe & W. Jacobs, 2016;
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