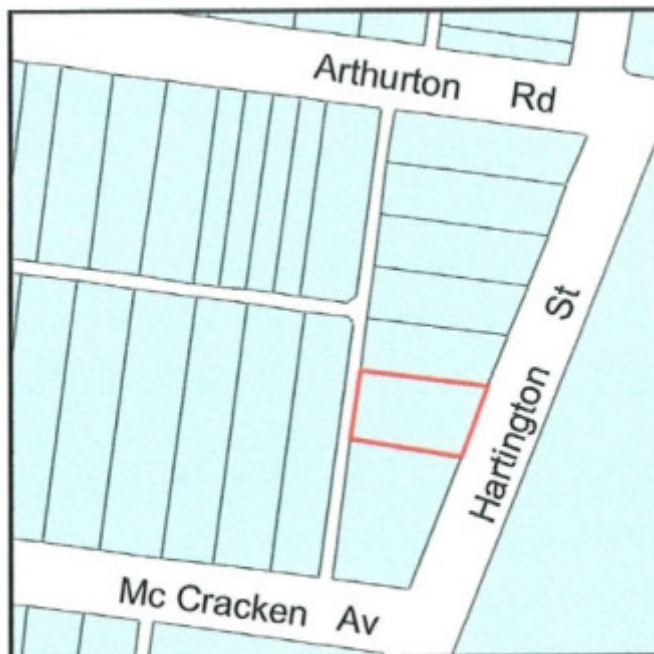


18 Hartington Street



City of Darebin Heritage Review 2000



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Within Heritage Overlay Area.

City of Darebin Heritage Review 2000 (map)

Location

18 Hartington Street NORTHCOTE, Darebin City

Municipality

DAREBIN CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO96

Heritage Listing

Darebin City

Statement of Significance

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The house at 18 Hartington Street is a substantially intact example of the Federation style executed in timber. It is the more ornate of a near identical pair of houses, built by an owner-builder. It is of some historical significance owing to its brief association with the prominent socialist politician, Thomas Tunnecliffe, who was its second owner. It is a notable building in the Hartington Street precinct.

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Property Number

Physical Description 1

Land which had been sold to Rucker in 1840 at £7110/- per acre, was redivided to create Hartington Street by 1883. By 1889 the Whittle sea railway had been located adjacent to the street, but it remained surprisingly devoid of housing and was undeveloped. Development after 1900 ensued on Cunningham's original block to the north of Rucker, and Hartington Street was extended north.

With the boom in housing, commencing around 1900 and increasing up until the First World War, Hartington Street received its present character.

Next to 18 Hartington Street, on the corner of McCracken Avenue, one Michael Fitzgerald, who was a builder, owned an allotment. He also owned the land at No 18. It is probable that Fitzgerald built, first No 17 in 1910, for himself, which he later sold to a wool merchant by the name of Albert Peacock and, two years later, built an almost identical house, at No 18, for one Thomas Tunnecliffe. Fitzgerald saved the corner site for himself.

Thomas Tunnecliffe, son of an Irishman but native to Victoria, first entered the Legislative Assembly for West Melbourne, 1903-4. Eaglehawk came next (1907-20) and as the Member for Collingwood (1921), he became Chief Secretary under the Prendergast Labour Ministry (1924), Minister of Railways and Electrical Undertakings (1927-8) and Chief Secretary to the, Hogan Administration (1929-32). He was Acting Premier of Victoria in 1932 and was subsequently Leader of the Opposition. His second wife was Bertha Gross, whom he married in 1913; the Gross family rebuilt the Croxton Park Hotel (qv) in 1897. Throughout his career, Tunnecliffe was an essential part of the Socialist movement, in Victoria and nationally.

Primary Source:

Graeme Butler and Allom Lovell & Associates: Northcote Building Citations, June 1997

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