

**Place name** St Helen's Private Hospital (former)

**Survey Date:** 04/07/2004

**Other name** Flats

**Id:** 1123

**Street** 37 Elgin Street

**Last Update** 04/10/2004

**Locality** Sale

**Postcode**

**Official Locality**

**Property No**

**Local Government Area** Wellington Shire

**Precinct:** Not in precinct

**Easting**

**Northing**

**Map**

**Workshop number**

**Workshop votes**

**Field survey number**

**Community priority**

**Designer**

**Builder**

**Ownership** Private

**Built Date**

**Change Date**

**Description** This large Edwardian villa has an almost symmetrical form, with two large gables and a smaller central gable projecting from the large hipped main roof. The triple casement windows and half timbered gable ends are typical motifs of the period as are the tall capped chimneys. A small room is incorporated into the verandah, altering the symmetry and entrances are also at the wings either side of the main facade. The verandah has aluminium lace replacing the original. The garden is open and has occasional eucalyptus plantings.

The front of the hospital is in good condition and largely intact to its original design.

Feature	Style	Wall Materials	Roof Materials
House	Edwardian	Brick	Corrugated iron

**Condition** Fair

**Integrity** Intact

None apparent

Residential

Building

National Themes	Local Themes
	7. BUILDING SETTLEMENTS & TOWNS
	7.1 Ports

**History** St Helens was built as a hospital for Boisdale landowner, Askin Foster, in 1905. (1) The first matron was Annie Davies, but early in 1906, Matron Kathleen Pickard took over. The hospital provided surgical services as well as midwifery. St Helen's closed as a hospital in 1945. (2) It was then converted to flats.(3)

It is highly likely that Sale architect, George Cain, designed St Helens, as he was currently designing houses and the town of Boisdale for Foster. He was also architect to the Gippsland Hospital during the same period.(4)

**REFERENCES**

- (1) Rate books.
- (2) Information from Peter Synan.
- (3) Win Frawley, Heritage Awareness Day.
- (4) Andrew, A., and Edwards, A., 'Two Turrets and a Dome', p.21.

Heritage Protections Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
Planning Scheme	x		Recommended

**National Estate**

**Research Required** Research to confirm designing architect is needed.

**Recommendations**

**Fieldwork priority?**

**Stage 1 Ranking** Assessed: Sale Heritage Stu **Stage 2 priority** Planning Scheme: Individua

**Final Ranking**

Local significance

**Final Recommendation**

**Statement of significance** This former St Helen's private hospital at 37 Elgin Street, Sale is of local aesthetic and historic significance to Wellington Shire. Aesthetically, it is significant as a superior and intact example of an Edwardian villa. With an essentially domestic design, this former hospital illustrates the application of domestic styles and forms to a purpose-built private hospital. Historically, it provides evidence of the importance of private hospitals during the early twentieth century. (RNE criteria A.4, E.1)

**Extent of designation**

**Informant**

**Notes**

**Follow up**

<b>Bibliography</b>	Context Pty Ltd, (1994), City of Sale Heritage Study Context Pty Ltd, (2004), Wellington Heritage Study: Sale Review
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