

Place name House

Survey Date: 04/07/2004

Other name-

Id: 1051

Street 169 Foster Street

Last Update 04/10/2004

Locality Sale

Postcode

Official Locality

Property No

Local Government Area Wellington Shire

Precinct: Precinct - Sale Lake Guthridge Landscape

Easting

Northing

Map

Workshop number

Workshop votes

Field survey number

Community priority

Designer

Builder

Ownership Private

Built Date

Change Date

Description An elaborate and eccentric Edwardian house complete with tower, is a landmark in Sale.

The house is constructed of cement blocks, probably the first example in Sale.(1) Cement blocks of various types were made in Victoria in the late nineteenth century but the surviving examples all date after 1905, the date when American block-making machinery became readily available. Generally such blocks are solid, and the moulds used allowed the face to be in imitation stone (such as in this building), vermiculated or textured. (2).

The house is built on a symmetrical plan. A gabled bay projects from the centre of the main facade, the gable decorated with a double sunburst, and the window below a bay. Above the gable is the tower with pyramidal roof. To either side are small porches, and at each end a bay window set on the corner.

Early photographs of the house would be helpful in determining its integrity. Good condition.

Feature	Style	Wall Materials	Roof Materials
House	Edwardian	Concrete brick	Clay tile

Condition Good

Integrity Intact

None apparent

Residential

Building

History This land was owned by piano tuner David Hurley in 1910. He had a house built the following year, the rate books contain a pencil annotation that it was 'not finished'. The house was given an NAV of 25 pounds. (3)

Hurley, a piano tuner from Staffordshire, was also a keen oarsman. He coached Sale crews, as well as holding the position of Secretary of the rowing club. His house incorporated a tower so that he could watch crews training on Lake Guthridge.(4)

The house was built of concrete - the first in Sale to be built of this material. (1)

References

- (1) Green, O. S., 'Sale: the Early Years and Later', p.170.
- (2) Lewis, M., 'The physical investigation of a building', 1989, p. 33.
- (3) Rate Books; present owner, Margaret Tilleard.
- (4) 'Gippsland Times', 22/5/1911.

Heritage Protections Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
Planning Scheme	x		Recommended

National Estate

Research Required

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 unusual house is a significant part of the heritage of Sale as an example of an unusual design constructed in concrete brick, a rare material for buildings of the pre-War period, and possibly the first to be built of this material in Sale.(RNE criterion F.1)

Extent of designation

Informant

Notes

Follow up

Bibliography

Sale Heritage Study
Context Pty Ltd, (2004), Wellington Heritage Study: Sale Review

Foster Street 0169, ID 1051.jpg

Context

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