
Curracloe



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Location

11 Adelaide Street, ALBION VIC 3020 - Property No 64

Municipality

BRIMBANK CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO071

Heritage Listing

Brimbank City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - February 6, 1998

Individual place statement of significance::

Curracloe is of local historical and architectural significance as a representative and well- preserved example of the weatherboard bungalow style houses built by and for employees of the H.V. McKay Sunshine Harvester Works in the 1910s and 20s, as part of the urban planning carried out by the firm under the influence of the Garden City movement. It is also of interest for the particularly long occupation by the same residents, the Avery family.

Precinct statement of significance::

The McKay housing subdivision is of national historical and social significance as the first stage of the suburb created by Australia's leading industrialist and a milestone in the development of the industrial suburb, under the influence of the Garden City movement. Sunshine became a yardstick for planning and housing reformers, with H.V. McKay being regarded as an expert on planned industrial housing. The McKay estate is of regional architectural significance as it marks a crucial phase in the development of Sunshine, housing the resident work force which promoted further industrial development.

The estate is also of historical significance in relation to H. V. McKay's important role in the history of industrial relations in Victoria and Australia, as the provision of housing for his workers was one of the arguments made by McKay in defending the Basic Wages Case which led to Justice Higgins' "Harvester Judgement".

The group of houses along Forrest Street, Ridley Street, Sydney Street, King Edward Avenue, Anderson Road, Talmage Street and Kororoit Street, represent the type of houses built either by or for company employees, foremen and managers. The houses include major remnants of the large blocks allotted to senior staff of the Sunshine Harvester Works. Most of the houses were set back on their blocks with side drives, rather than rear service lanes, giving an air of spaciousness and permitting large gardens (of which some remnants survive).

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Construction dates	1925,
Hermes Number	105900
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Physical Description 1

Description

Well-preserved weatherboard house, located on a corner site, featuring wide eaves, exposed rafters and projecting tiled verandah/porch supported on paired square timber posts. The remaining garden elements which appear to be contemporary with the house include a substantial privet hedge . The fence may also be original.

Physical Conditions

Condition/integrity

A particularly original and well-preserved example of the varied timber bungalow designs that occur in the precinct.

Historical Australian Themes

4 Building settlement, towns and cities

4.1 Planning urban settlements

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