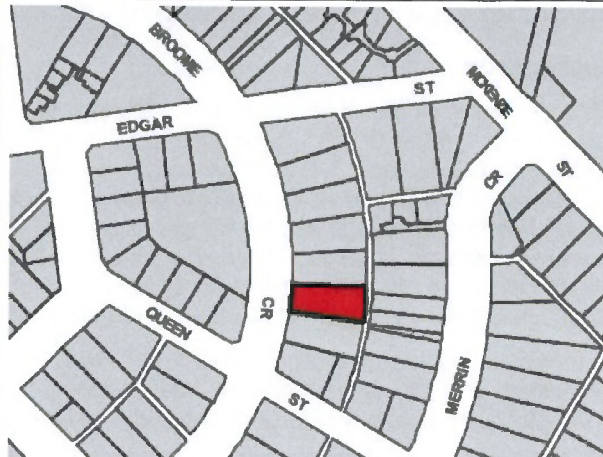


<b>PLACE</b>	HOUSE			<b>Other name/s</b>	Mummery Residence		
<b>Address</b>	21 Broome Crescent WONTHAGGI						
<b>Study No</b>	WN006	<b>HO No</b>	-	<b>HPD No</b>	-	<b>Allotment No</b>	3 (Section 23)
<b>LGA</b>	Bass Coast	<b>Ward</b>	Hovell	<b>Parish</b>	Wonthaggi	<b>County</b>	Mornington



<b>Image Date</b>	17 July 2009	<b>Extent of listing</b>	Whole allotment				
<b>Designer/architect</b>	Unknown	<b>Architectural style</b>	Federation/Edwardian Period (1901-1918) Queen Anne				
<b>Builder/maker</b>	Unknown	<b>Commenced</b>	1911	<b>Completed</b>	1911		
<b>Her Act Category</b>	Heritage place	<b>Historic Theme/s</b>	13.2 Building Towns (Larger Centres)				
<b>Her Item Group</b>	Residential buildings (private)	<b>Assessed by</b>	S Reeves	<b>Date</b>	14/08/09		
<b>Her Item Category</b>	House	<b>Reviewed by</b>	-	<b>Date</b>	-		
<b>Usage (2009)</b>	Residence	<b>Condition</b>	Good	<b>Intactness</b>	Good		
<b>Significance</b>	Local	<b>Recommendation</b>	Include in VHR <input type="checkbox"/>	Include in RNE <input type="checkbox"/>	Include in HO <input type="checkbox"/>	X	

### Statement of Significance

#### What is Significant?

The house at 21 Broome Crescent, Wonthaggi, is a large single-storey double-fronted Edwardian weatherboard villa with a prominent gambrel roof, tall red brick chimneys, bay windows and return verandah. Apparently based on the design of a house originally prepared for the State Coal Mine accountant, the building was erected during 1911 for C S Mummery, a public servant who was a member of the original coal boring party in 1909 and went on to become a SCM supervisor during its earliest days in operation, the Clerk of Works for the new township, and a Bailiff of Crown Lands.

#### How is it Significant?

The house is of historical and aesthetic significance to the Shire of Bass Coast.

#### Why is it Significant?

Historically, the house is significant for associations with an important figure in the town's early development: C S Mummery, public servant, SCM supervisor, Clerk of Works and Bailiff of Crown Lands (*AHC Criterion H.1*). More broadly, the house is one of several fine Edwardian residences that were built in this part of Wonthaggi by prominent citizens, which collectively demonstrate the early emergence of a prestige residential address in the vicinity of the Mine Manager's house at 10 Broome Crescent (*AHC Criterion C.2*).

Aesthetically, the house is significant as a particularly fine example of a large Edwardian villa in Wonthaggi (*AHC Criterion E.1*). Considerably larger and more prepossessing than many of the early private houses in the township, the house is distinguished by its unusual form (with wide return verandah and rectangular bay windows) as well as its particularly assured decorative detailing notably the unusually tall and prominent red brick chimneys with corbelled caps and strapped shafts (*AHC Criterion F.1*).

### Physical Description

The house at 21 Broome Crescent, Wonthaggi, is a large single-storey double-fronted Edwardian weatherboard villa with a prominent gambrel roof clad in green-painted corrugated galvanised steel, and penetrated by a series of tall and unusually conspicuous red brick chimneys with corbelled capping, stepped corners and terracotta chimney pots. The asymmetrical street frontage, which is largely hidden by a tall hedge, comprises a projecting bay to the left side, and a return verandah to the right. The projecting bay has rough-cast render to the gable end (now in a somewhat damaged state, with timber laths exposed) and a rectangular bay window with hipped rooflet. A second projecting bay, with matching bay window, extends from the south side.

### Historical Notes

This house stands on part of Section 23 of the Township of Wonthaggi, a block of eighteen residential allotments bounded by Broome Crescent, Merrin Crescent, Edgar Street and Queens Street. The site, designated as Lot 3, was rated in the first Borough of Wonthaggi Rate Book, dated June 1911, with a Net Annual Value (NAV) of only £3, which is indicative of a vacant land. Its owner was identified as G S Matthews – a reference to building contractor George Sydney Matthews (1861-1921), who, in early 1910, had won the government contract to erect the first one hundred cottages for employees of the State Coal Mine (SCM). Matthews himself owned three allotments in Section 23, including Lot 6 (now 15 Broome Crescent), where he built his own house in 1911. Lot 3 subsequently became the site for a large house for C S Mummery, public servant, which first appears in the 1911-12 rate book (dated October 1911) with the NAV of £40. Five months earlier, the *Powlett Express* had reported that

*Building is very brisk in Broome Crescent and vicinity. Villa residences are in course of erection for Messrs Wilson, Mummery and Bird, and Dr Taylor has obtained plans for his residence. As the whole of the residences are in the hill overlooking the town, they will, when finished, add materially to the appearance of the place.*

The rate books, however, listed its owners as Mrs Mummery and “Miss Dodds” [sic] of 44 Garnet Street, Preston. This refers to C S Mummery’s wife, the former Isabella McCreadie Dods, and one of her spinster sisters from Melbourne. The occupant of the house was then listed as Colin Campbell, Clerk of Courts at Wonthaggi, who was evidently living there temporarily until the Mummery family were ready to move in. C S Mummery is first recorded as occupant in the 1914-15 rate book (dated 5 October 1914).

Like many original residents in this part of Broome Crescent, Christopher Stephen Mummery (1861-1939) was a significant figure in Wonthaggi’s earliest days. Born in Beechworth, he had over 30 years experience in the gold mining industry when, in November 1909, he arrived at Cape Paterson as part of the coal boring party that was ordered to move on to Powlett to sink the first shaft of what became the SCM. When miners arrived, Mummery was placed in charge of the carpenters who built the first structures along the main road of the tent settlement. In December, he supervised the first shipments of coal from Inverloch and then, in March 1910, became Clerk of Works in the new township at Wonthaggi. Five months later, Mummery was appointed as the local Bailiff of Crown Lands, which required him (amongst other duties) to impound stray animals found “roaming about the streets”. He and his wife Isabella (1869-1937) lived at 21 Broome Crescent for a decade. In 1923, the house was acquired by the Education Department to accommodate state school teachers. Following a brief tenancy by James Lorig, it was occupied by Donald V Dungey, first assistant and later acting head teacher, from 1926 until 1933, when he left Wonthaggi to accept the post of Director of Education at Nauru.

### Comparisons

The large and striking house at 21 Broome Crescent bears a close resemblance to the “House for Mine Accountant” for which architectural drawings survive in the SCM archives held by the PRO. These plans, reproduced (albeit without adequate referencing) on page 15 of the booklet *Wonthaggi State Coal Mine*, show an almost identical house, with large gambrel roof, return verandah, bay windows and tall brick chimneys. Given that the SCM accountant, George Falloon, actually lived in an entirely different house (located nearby at No 15), it might even be concluded that the house originally designed for him was adapted and/or taken up by C S Mummery, another senior member of the SCM white-collar staff. More broadly, the present house is comparable to the fine and prepossessing Edwardian villas built by in the vicinity by prominent local businessmen and retailers, and particularly the respective residences of confectioner W C Easton (13 Broome Crescent, qv) and draper A B Wilson (3 Dunn Street, qv).

### Recommended Management

Encourage the reinstatement of the original rendered finish to the damaged gable end of the front projecting bay.

### References

<b>Author</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Year</b>
Borough of Wonthaggi	Rate Books (held by Public Record Office)	Various
<i>Powlett Express</i>	12 and 16 Aug 1910; 5 May 1911	Various