

PLACE	HOUSE						
Address	13 Campbell Street WONTHAGGI						
Study No	WN018	HO No	-	HPD No	-	Allotment No	3 (Section 54)
LGA	Bass Coast	Ward	Hovell	Parish	Wonthaggi	County	Momington



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

Statement of Significance

What is Significant?

The house at 13 Campbell Street, Wonthaggi, is a large double-fronted asymmetrical Edwardian timber villa in the fashionable Queen Anne style, with a prominent hipped roof, gabled bays and return verandah. It was erected during 1911 for local saddler John Jones, whose family remained living there until at least the 1930s.

How is it Significant?

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

Why is it Significant?

Historically, the house is significant as one of several fine Edwardian villa residences that were built in Wonthaggi by prominent citizens (including local retailers and businessmen) which demonstrate the lofty aspirations of the wealthier residents of the new township (*AHC Criterion C.2*).

Aesthetically, the house is significant as a particularly fine, if slightly altered, 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 gabled bays to two sides, joined by a return verandah) and its assured decorative embellishments (eg turned posts, verandah frieze, gable trellises) (*AHC Criterion F.1*). This prominent and prepossessing dwelling forms a significant element in the streetscape (*AHC Criteria E.1*).

Physical Description

The house at 13 Campbell Street, Wonthaggi, is a large single-storey double-fronted Edwardian weatherboard villa with a steep hipped roof of corrugated galvanised steel penetrated by red brick chimneys with corbelled capping and terracotta chimney pots. At the eaves line, the roof extends forward to define a return verandah along the front and right (west) side of the house, supported on turned timber posts with a frieze of cast iron lacework. On each of these two frontages, at either end of the return verandah, is a projecting gabled bay with pressed metal infill and a timber screen to the gable end, and a large rectangular window below. In both cases, the original window sashes (probably a set of timber-framed casements with highlights above) has been replaced by a modern multi-paned sliding aluminium counterparts. The main entry, with a panelled timber door and flanking sidelights, is set into the front wall at the far left end of the verandah, while a secondary entrance opens into the projecting side wing at the far end of the returned verandah.

The front property line is marked by a timber post and rail fence with woven wire infill, and, to the driveway and front entrance, sets of matching metal gates crowned with curving mild steel motifs.

Historical Notes

This house stands on part of Section 54 of the Township of Wonthaggi, a rectangular block of nineteen residential allotments bounded by Campbell, Cameron, Chambers and Hagelthorn streets. The present site, designated as Lot 3, is recorded in the first Borough of Wonthaggi Rate Book (dated June 1911) as the property of John W Jones, saddler. It was rated with a Net Annual Value of £10, which is indicative of either vacant land, or a house in a partial state of erection. In the second rate book, compiled only four months later, the same property was rated definitely as a 'house', with the substantially increased Net Annual Value of £40. Subsequent rate books indicate that John Jones remained in residence until the mid-1920s. It was thence occupied by his wife, Mary Jones, identified as a nurse, from 1927 until at least 1937.

Comparisons

Broadly, the present house is comparable to the other fine and prepossessing Edwardian villas that were built by prominent local businessmen and retailers. While this house lacks bay windows, it is otherwise very similar, with its prominent return verandah and decorative embellishments, to the respective former residences of the local Bailiff of Crown Lands, C S Mummery (21 Broome Crescent, qv) and McBride Avenue draper A B Wilson (3 Dunn Street, qv). It also has elements in common with some of the smaller villas in that same area, such as 13 and 15 Broome Crescent (qv) and 7 Dunn Street (qv). Probably its most pertinent comparator, however, would be the former dentist's residence at 38 Graham Street (qv), which is virtually identical in its overall form and expression.

Recommended Management

Encourage the retention of the return verandah as a semi-open space, with no solid or glazed infill to be constructed.

Encourage the replacement of non-original sashes to front windows with a more appropriate timber-framed counterpart.

References

<i>Author</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Year</i>
Borough of Wonthaggi	Rate Books (held by Public Record Office)	Various