

PLACE	HOUSE						
Address	1 Dudley Street SOUTH DUDLEY						
Study No	SD001	HO No	-	HPD No	-	Allotment No	158 (Section C)
LGA	Bass Coast	Ward	Hovell	Parish	Wonthaggi	County	Mornington



Image Date	17 July 2009	Extent of listing	Whole allotment			
Designer/architect	William Rain?	Architectural style	Federation/Edwardian Period (1902-1918) Queen Anne			
Builder/maker	Unknown	Commenced	1911	Completed	1911	
Her Act Category	Heritage place	Historic Theme/s	13.1 Building Towns (Small Towns)			
Her Item Group	Residential buildings (private)	Assessed by	S Reeves	Date	07/09/09	
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 1 Dudley Street, South Dudley, is a single-storey double-fronted Edwardian timber house in the Queen Anne style, with a picturesque roofline (variously gambrel or gabled, clad in corrugated galvanised steel), red brick chimneys large casement sash windows with tinted highlights. Evidently designed by Melbourne architect William Rain, the house was erected in 1911 for railway employee Joseph Trevean, who rented it out for some years before taking occupancy himself in 1917.

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 for associations with the settlement of South Dudley, a residential estate on Wonthaggi's northwestern fringe (*AHC Criterion A.4*). Developed by a syndicate with the intent of creating a satellite township, this huge and ambitious project was only partly realised when the syndicate collapsed, and the estate did not fill out until after the War. The present house, which stands out as the largest and grandest Edwardian-era house in South Dudley, provides evidence of the particularly lofty aspirations of one original resident (*AHC Criterion B.2*).

Aesthetically, the house is significant as a good example of a villa in the Queen Anne style. Although altered (not unsympathetically) by re-cladding, it displays typical characteristics of the style, including a picturesque roofline, large casement windows with tinted highlights, round window, and tall red brick chimneys with rough-cast banding. Unique in South Dudley, the house has more in common with the grander private villas in certain parts of Wonthaggi, which attracted the town's wealthier citizens (*AHC Criteria E.1*).

Physical Description

The house at 1 Dudley Street, South Dudley, is a single-storey Edwardian timber villa, with its original weatherboards replaced (or at least concealed) by cement sheet planking. Comprising a gambrel-roofed rear wing with a projecting gable-roofed front bay and a perpendicular gabled porch at the junction, the house presents an asymmetrical triple-fronted facade to the street. The separately articulated roof are clad in corrugated steel, penetrated by a series of prominent red brick chimneys with rough-cast banding, rendered mouldings and terracotta chimney pots. The projecting bay to the street has a half-timbered gable end and a tripartite bay of casement sash windows with tinted highlights above, while the recessed right side of the facade has an identical window. The small projecting porch, at the junction of the two wings, has a circular window to the side and a doorway to the front, opening onto a skillion-roofed verandah with timber flank fringe and lattice screens.

Historical Notes

The site of 1 Dudley Street, originally designated as Lot 158 of Section C, is recorded in the first Borough of Wonthaggi rate book (dated June 1911) as the property of one Joseph Trevean a railway employee, with a Net Annual Value (NAV) of £10. A year later, in rate book for 1912-13 (dated October 1912), the same property was rated as "Lot 158 + house", with a substantially increased NAV of £30. This suggests that the house was under construction during 1911, and completed by 1912. It was evidently designed by Melbourne architect William Rain, who called tenders for a "wood residence at Wonthaggi for J Trevean" on 13 December 1910. Rain, who lived in Collingwood, is perhaps best known as a designer of Salvation Army buildings during the late 1880s and 1890s, including a citadel in Collingwood (1890), buildings at the training home at Richmond (1889), and barracks at Footscray (1887), Wagga Wagga (1888), Mudgee (1889), Ararat (1889), Albury (1889) and South Geelong (1889). His private residential work included several groups of villas in Caulfield and Elsternwick.

According to a register of Railway Department staff, published in the *Victoria Government Gazette* in 1914, Joseph Trevean (1875-1949) was employed in the Rolling Stock branch as an engine driver, and had held that position since 1890. Rate books that he did not initially live in South Dudley himself, but, rather, rented the new house to a succession of short-term tenants including Robert White (1915-16) and a Mrs McKissock (1916-17). Trevean evidently then moved in himself, as a pencilled amendment to the 1916-17 rate book identified him as both owner and occupant. He remained living there until 1918.

The next owner of the house in Dudley Street was a Mrs Wildman, who lived there in the early 1920s.

Comparisons

Although altered by external re-cladding in cement sheet planks, the house at 1 Dudley Street nevertheless remains as the largest and most prepossessing of the early private dwellings in South Dudley. It represents a striking contrast the simple double-fronted Victorian-style weatherboard cottages that survive, in various states of intactness, along Epsom Street (eg Nos 3, 15, 28, 30, 32, 34), and their asymmetrical counterparts in Dudley Street (eg Nos 21, 25, 27) and Carl Street (eg Nos 23, 34).

More broadly, the house at 1 Dudley Street can be compared to the grander Queen Anne style houses seen in those parts of Wonthaggi that were subject by residential development (often by retailers, professionals and other citizens not employed by the State Coal Mine), such as the eastern end of Dunn Street (eg Nos 5, 7, 9) and Broome Crescent (Nos 11, 13, 15, 19 and 21).

Recommended Management

Encourage the removal of the cement sheet planking and reinstatement of original weatherboard finish

References

<i>Author</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Year</i>
Borough of Wonthaggi	Rate Books (held by Public Record Office)	Various
<i>Cazaly's Contract Reporter</i>	13 Dec 1910 (tender notice)	1910
<i>Victoria Government Gazette</i>	Victorian Railways List of Employees, No 115, 4 August 1914.	1914