

Darjeeling

Other Names:

Property Identification No:

LGA Place No: 082 [R05]

HCWA Number: 03562



LOCATION

Street Number 538
Lot Number Lot 22
Street Name Brookton Highway
Suburb Roleystone

LAND TITLE INFORMATION

Reserve Number, Lot/Location Number, Plan/Diagram DIA 36899, Vol/Folio 1762/614

SITE ACCESS

DESCRIPTION

Place Type Individual Building(s) or Group
Construction Date 1925 to 1929
Date Source AMHI 1995
Construction Materials Timber, iron
Architectural Period Inter-War

USE

Original Use RESIDENTIAL – Institutional Housing
Present Use RESIDENTIAL – Single storey residence
Other Use HEALTH – Office or Administration Building

DESCRIPTION NOTES

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| Condition | Good |
| Integrity | High |
| Authenticity | Moderate |

The place comprises a split-level timber-framed weatherboard and iron building, with a distinct symmetrical form featuring a pair of projecting gables either side of a central covered verandah, which is supported by square timber posts. Each gable bay is wide, with decorative timber bargeboards and panelling typical of the Inter-War Old English style of architecture. Other distinctive features include the tall masonry chimneys, the timber-framed multi-paned casement windows, and the timber-framed French doors.

The building is set below road level, in an attractive cottage garden featuring large areas of cobblestone paving, shrubs, and mature trees. The house and garden are set behind a tall limestone fence that features a highly ornate steel gate.

HISTORICAL NOTES

This building was designed by Subiaco architects, Bownass and West, and was constructed in the period 1925-29. It was built for Mrs Dargen, and used initially as a guesthouse. It was used during the Second World War, as an adjunct children's home by the Queens Park-based, Sister Kate's Home (for part-Aboriginal children). It is also believed that Dr. Noel Colyer (who practiced part-time in Armadale from 1947, and full-time there from 1955, as the town's first permanent resident doctor) practised here twice a week during this period. Later, 'Darjeerling' was adapted with a self-contained flat on the lower level. In recent times, the place was restored by owner, Patrick Weir.

SIGNIFICANCE

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| Aesthetic Value: | The place is an attractive weatherboard and iron residence designed in the Inter-War Old English style, featuring a number of original details. |
| Historic Value: | The place was originally designed as a guesthouse, but was also used as an adjunct to Sister Kate's Home, and later, accommodated the town's first permanent resident doctor. |

MANAGEMENT

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| Management Category | B |
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ASSOCIATIONS

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| Associations | Bownass & West – Architects Mrs. Dargen – Original owner Sister Kate's – Previous occupant Dr. Noel Colyer – Previous occupant |
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Association Type

HERITAGE LISTINGS

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| City of Armadale Heritage Inventory 1995 |
| The National Trust of Australia (WA) 1995 |

Municipal Heritage Inventory

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