ELKINGTON RESIDENCE (former)

ADDRESS: 330 Beechworth Road, Wodonga

STUDY NUMBER: 2B HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

DATE: circa 1948

CONDITION: Good

INTEGRITY: Excellent



(RBA, June 2024)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

What is significant?

The *Elkington Residence (former)* at 330 Beechworth Road, Wodonga, constructed circa 1948 for Albert and Lola Elkington, is significant.

Its significant elements are the original built form and fabric, namely its terracotta-tile clad hipped roof, face brick walls (red/salmon and dark highlights), flat roof porch with decorative brickwork and barley twist columns, double leaf front doors, and boxed-frame timber sash windows. The original low brick front fence with metal railing and gate and rear located red brick gabled garage are also significant.

Non-original elements, including the carport attached to the house, are not significant.

How is it significant?

The *Elkington Residence (former)* at 330 Beechworth Road, Wodonga is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Wodonga.

Why is it significant?

The *Elkington Residence (former)* is of historical significance as evidence of the expansion and consolidation of Wodonga during the early postwar years, a period of economic prosperity and growth for the township. More broadly, the dwelling is one of several relatively substantial early-to-mid 20th-century houses along Beechworth Road, which underscores its importance as a boulevard entry corridor to the city centre. (Criterion A)

The *Elkington Residence (former)* is of aesthetic significance as an intact building highly reflective of the early postwar domestic design modes. Its bi-chrome brickwork and curved, flat concrete roof to the prominent front porch supported on barley twist columns are distinctive features that enliven its facade. The unusual survival of both its complementary front fence and rear garage is augments the significance. (Criterion E)

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The *Elkington Residence* has a hipped roof clad in dark/glazed terracotta tiles with a wider timber lined soffit and a broad chimney to the south elevation.

The walls are red/salmon brick laid in stretcher bond with an upper band of dark/umber bricks, which flare out to a quoin-like element at the corner.

The symmetrical façade features a central curved porch with a flat (concrete) roof faced with tapestry/decorative contrast brickwork in a soldier (vertical) course and supported on masonry, barley twist columns with Corinthian capitals. The deck is concrete and integrates/radiates outward to the ground level paving. The front entry consists of double-leaf glazed doors (with horizontal glazing bars), obscured by a modern grille.

The windows are timber boxed-framed type with paired, double hung sashes.

The front garden features a concrete path flanked by lawn and perimeter garden beds.

The original low, red brick fence (overpainted) is comprised of pillars with rendered caps, geometric metal railing/panels and matching gate.

A concrete driveway extends to an original brick garage to the rear (northeast corner), with a gabled roof (end clad in sheeting or render) and concrete lintel (above the vehicular door).



Frontage (RBA, June 2024)

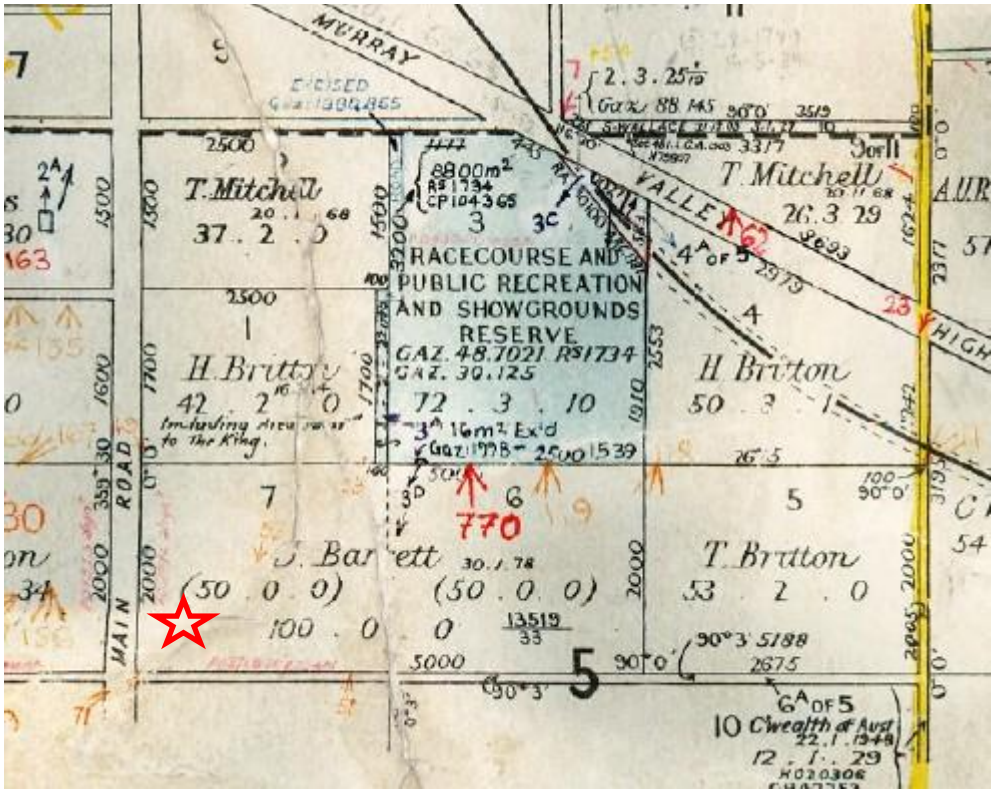
HISTORIC THEMES

6.5 Living in country towns

6.7 Making homes for Victorians

HISTORY

The *Elkington Residence* initially formed part of Crown Allotment 7, Section 5, Parish of Wodonga, a large holding of 50 acres acquired by J Barret in January 1878 (Parish Plan).



Parish of Wodonga plan, with the approximate location of the subject site highlighted (W308(5), sheet 2 Landata)

This part of Beechworth Road was semi-rural and situated outside the township boundaries until after WWII.

In September 1947, Arthur Joseph Phillips, a local farmer, acquired a large 80-acre holdings, being most of CA6 and 7, Section 5. The subject site relates to Lot 5 in LP18993. It was acquired with the adjoining lot 16 to the east (11 Burnley Street) by Albert Bernard Elkington on 25 May 1949 (Certificate of Title).

In the contemporary rate records Elkington is listed as owner the property, which included a garage, however from a year or so earlier during 1947-48. As such, it seems that the house was built before the title was transferred.

The 1963 Victorian Electoral Roll noted Albert and Lola Elkington as residing at 330 Beechworth Road, Wodonga (Wodonga Historical Society Archives).

The following aerial photograph, dated 1963, depicts the original and surviving footprint of the dwelling. The garage is apparent on close inspection. Note that at this stage, Pearce Street represented the southern edge of Wodonga.



Aerial photograph, dated November 1963, with the *Elkington Residence* indicated.
(CAD8, Run2, Frame 269, Geoscience Australia)

COMPARISON

To date, only one postwar residence (HO31) has been included on the Schedule to the Heritage Overlay, a period of considerable growth in the township, which became a city in 1959. The subject place is distinguished by prominent curved front porch with flat concrete roof.

HO31 at 336 Beechworth Rd, Wodonga is located nearby to the subject site. The house has an elongated façade in cream brick with clinker brick trim and a tile clad hip roof. It reflects a Moderne style influence as was common in the immediate Postwar period with its curved corner, projecting curved bay with a flat roof, and complementary curve to the front fence. In addition, it features a porthole window to the façade, a hallmark of the Moderne.

There are several, similarly substantial brick houses from the late interwar period (late 1930s) to the north on the Beechworth Road reflecting an array of popular styles. Among this group is a classic example of the Moderne style at no. 324 (HO30) however it is a rendered version with a parapet which largely conceals its hip roof.

Within the Lawrence Street Precinct (HO48), there is a pair of late 1930s brick houses at 167 and 169 Lawrence Street with some Moderne style influence in their horizontal emphasis combined with a broad chimney to the façade.

Among the other late interwar period houses on Beechworth Road, there is a Tudor Revival style example at no. 322 (HO29), two that are indicative of the Spanish Mission/Mediterranean at nos 183 (HO17) and 187 (HO19), and others which are less stylistically pronounced that are nonetheless indicative of the 1930s such as those at no. 185 (HO18), no. 204 (HO20), no. 206 (HO21), no. 208 (HO22) and no. 209 (HO23).

RECOMMENDATIONS

EXTENT OF LISTING

It is recommended that the *Elkington Residence (former)* at 330 Beechworth Road, Wodonga, is included in the Schedule to the Heritage Overlay of the Wodonga Planning Scheme with controls for the fence and garage.

The extent of the heritage overlay should include the parcel of land (Lot 5/LP18993) on which the house is located as outlined below.



(Nearmap, 22 June 2024)

PLANNING SCHEME CONTROLS

Planning Controls	Y/N
External Paint Controls Apply?	N
Internal Alteration Controls Apply?	N
Tree Controls Apply?	N
Solar Energy System Controls?	Y
Outbuildings or Fences Not Exempt Under Clause 43.01-4?	Y – Front fence and garage
Included on the Victorian Heritage Register Under the Heritage Act 2017?	N

Prohibited Uses Permitted?	Y
Aboriginal Heritage Place?	N

REFERENCES

Certificate of Title, vol. 7256, folio 016

Wodonga Historical Society Archives

Wodonga Municipal Rates Records

ADDITIONAL IMAGES



Original front fence (Biosis, March 2020)



North side – driveway and brick garage beyond the non-original carport (Biosis, March 2020)