SANCARGLE

ADDRESS: 79 Brockley Street, Wodonga

STUDY NUMBER: 2B HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

DATE: 1936

CONDITION: Good

INTEGRITY: Good



(RBA, June 2024)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

What is significant?

Sancargle at 79 Brockley Street, Wodonga, is significant. It was constructed in 1936 by Wodonga-based contractor Richard William James Horsfall as a wedding gift for his daughter.

The significant elements of the place are its original built form and fabric, namely the jerkinhead roof (replacement cladding), walls of red and clinker brick, arched entrance porch and balustrade, stained glass picture windows, and boxed framing of the other windows. The low brick boundary (front and side) fencing with steel entrance gates is also significant.

Non-original elements are not significant, including the timber awning windows, rear additions, garages, and the extension of fence (tall section) along Gordon Street

How is it significant?

Sancargle at 79 Brockley Street, Wodonga is of local historical and aesthetic significance to the City of Wodonga.

Why is it significant?

Sancargle is of historical significance as a commodious example of late interwar township development in Wodonga, a phase of renewed economic prosperity and growth for the township. It is also of importance as a demonstration of the ability of local builder-designers at the time, with *Sancargle*'s contractor – Richard W J Horsfall – known to have been active across the townscape. (Criterion A)

Sancargle is of aesthetic significance as a generally intact late interwar period bungalow-style residence distinguished by a robust jerkinhead form, porch included under the main roof, and bold brickwork. The overall restraint of the design is indicative of the contemporary, more progressive design mode. (Criterion E)

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Sancargle is a single-storey late interwar period bungalow on a corner property (Brockley and Gordons streets). It is largely concealed from the public realm by planting.

The roof is hipped with jerkinhead ends (hipped gables) to each street elevation. The original corrugated sheet metal roof has been replaced with a red Colorbond roof. The wide soffit is lined with sheeting, and there are two chimneys with clinker brick capping.

The walls are red brick in stretcher bond with clinker brick, soldier (vertical) coursed detailing to the lintels and an upper band to the gable ends. The entry porch has arched openings with headers, a decorative metal balustrade, and a concrete deck.

The original format of timber-boxed framed windows survives, but the sash windows have been replaced with awning types. Two picture windows with a geometric design to the stained glass, typical of the interwar period, are located on the western elevation.

The place retains its original section of low brick (red and clinker) fence, which has been extended with similar detailing along the east side (Gordon Street). The steel front entrance gate with a geometric pattern is also original.

The house has been altered and enlarged to the rear including the garages.



Porch and flanking window (RBA, June 2024)

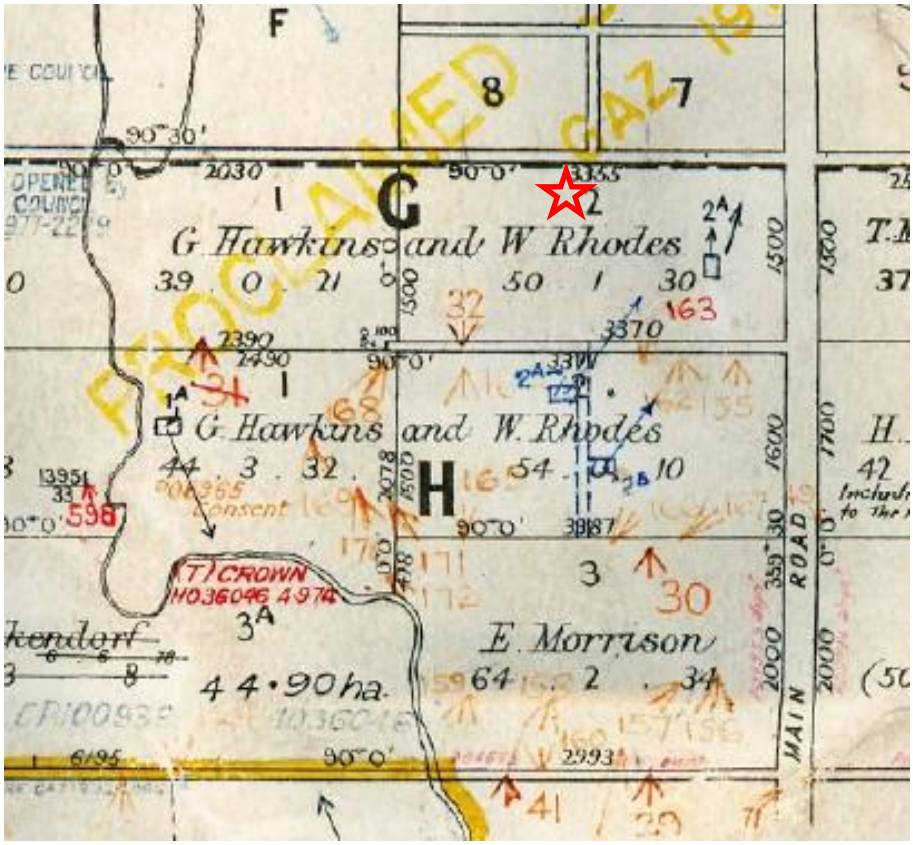
HISTORIC THEMES

6.5 Living in country towns

6.7 Making homes for Victorians

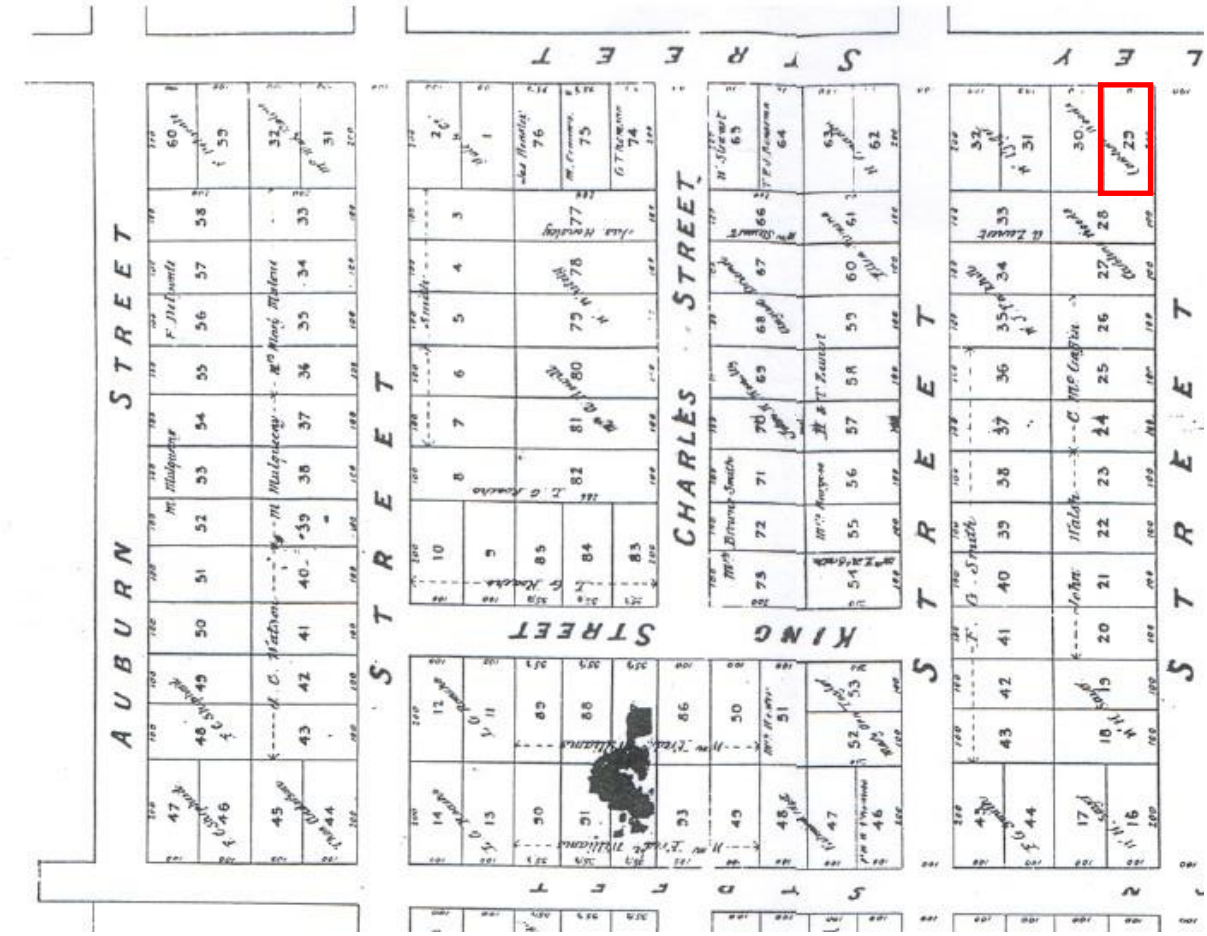
HISTORY

The subject land formed part of Crown Allotment 2, Section G, in the Parish of Wodonga, which comprised nearly 51 acres and was acquired by G Hawkins & W Rhodes (no date), who purchased other adjacent parcels of land. This area was located south of the original township boundaries (Parish Plan of Wodonga, W308[5]).



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

The site relates to Lot 29 within the *Wodonga Estate*, which was subdivided by W J Gordon & C G S Gordon (architects and surveyors) in 1890 (offered for sale that May). This 234-allotment sale was one of the first private residential subdivisions to occur in Wodonga (Wodonga Municipality Rates Records). On a marked-up version of the plan of the subdivision (low resolution), the name recorded for Lot 29 is Caroline Woods, who also acquired the nearby Lots 27, 28, 30 at the corner of Gordon Street.



Plan of Wodonga Estate, with the subject site highlighted (Freeman Randel, 'Thematic Environmental History', p35)

Sancargle (meaning unknown) was constructed in 1936 by contractor/carpenter Richard William James Horsfall (b. 1883) as a wedding present for his daughter Edie. The latter married Bill Marshall on 18 September 1937. It was initially numbered 21 Brockley Street (Wodonga Historical Society Archives).

Horsfall was responsible for several other residential developments in Wodonga (Oral history and details of house updates provided by the property owner, as well as Wodonga Municipal Rates Records).



1948 aerial of Wodonga with arrow indicating location of *Sarcargle.* (Source: Wodonga City Council)



c. 1962 aerial image with *Sancargle* highlighted. (Source: Wodonga & District Historical Society)

COMPARISON

Several interwar period houses have been included in the Schedule to the Heritage Overlay reflecting that this was a major growth phase in Wodonga and municipality generally, associated with the construction of the Hume Weir, which commenced in 1919. During the 1920s the bungalow mode predominated, and gable roof forms were prevalent however during the 1930s several of the popular styles were employed in conjunction with a hip roof across the municipality. With its broadly hip roof form, and restrained design mode, the subject house is indicative of the later part of the interwar period.

Several interwar period houses along the Beechworth Road, mainly dating to the 1930s, have been included in the Schedule reflecting an array of popular styles. Among the styles evident are the Spanish Mission/Mediterranean at nos 183 (HO17) and 187 (HO19), Tudor Revival style at no. 322 (HO29), and Moderne at no. 324 (HO30). Other houses from this time are less pronounced in their articulation but are nonetheless indicative of the 1930s such as no. 185 (HO18), no. 204 (HO20), no. 206 (HO21), no. 208 (HO22) and no. 209 (HO23).

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 provided by the banded brickwork.

RECOMMENDATIONS

EXTENT OF LISTING

It is recommended that *Sancargle* at 79 Brockley Street, Wodonga is included in the Schedule to the Heritage Overlay of the Wodonga Planning Scheme with controls for the front fence (original section).

The extent of the heritage overlay should include the parcel of land (Lot 1/TP10132) on which they are 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 - brick fence (front section)
Included on the Victorian Heritage Register Under the Heritage Act 2017?	N
Prohibited Uses Permitted?	Y
Aboriginal Heritage Place?	N

REFERENCES

Wodonga Historical Society Archives

Wodonga Municipal Rates Records

Oral history and detail of house updates provided by property owner

ADDITIONAL IMAGES



Façade and entry porch (Biosis, March 2020)



East elevation from Gordon Street (Biosis, March 2020)