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1.0 Background

This photograph archival record has been prepared at the request of the Department of Planning Lands and Heritage. Demolition is proposed for the building to enable future development of this site and adjacent properties on Guildford Road and East Parade, Mount Lawley.

This place was considered by the Department of Planning Lands and Heritage for inclusion in the State Register of Heritage Places in 2002 and was found to be below threshold for inclusion.

The place has been identified by the City of Vincent as a Moderate Level of Significance which is described as:

Contributes to the heritage of the locality. Has some altered or modified elements, not necessarily detracting from the overall significance of the place.

Management Category B - Conservation Recommended

Consider for inclusion on the MHI (Heritage List) if owner/applicant consents to inclusion.

This Archival Record has been prepared to enable the development of the site whilst recognising the heritage values of the place.

2.0 Statement of Significance

The City of Vincent have prepared the following statement.

The house at 40 Guildford Road is a substantial and good example of the Federation Arts and Crafts style, which demonstrates the aspirations of the original developers for this neighbourhood before the growth of traffic on Guildford Road impacted so heavily on amenity.

3.0 Location

The property is located on the south east side of Guildford Road in the block bound by Stanley Street and East Parade.

The property is located across two lots; lot 254 (40) on Plan 2001 and lot 403 on Deposited Plan 31182 as designated on Certificate of Title Volume 2209 Folio 50.

On either side of the lot are vacant lots where former residences of a similar age were located.

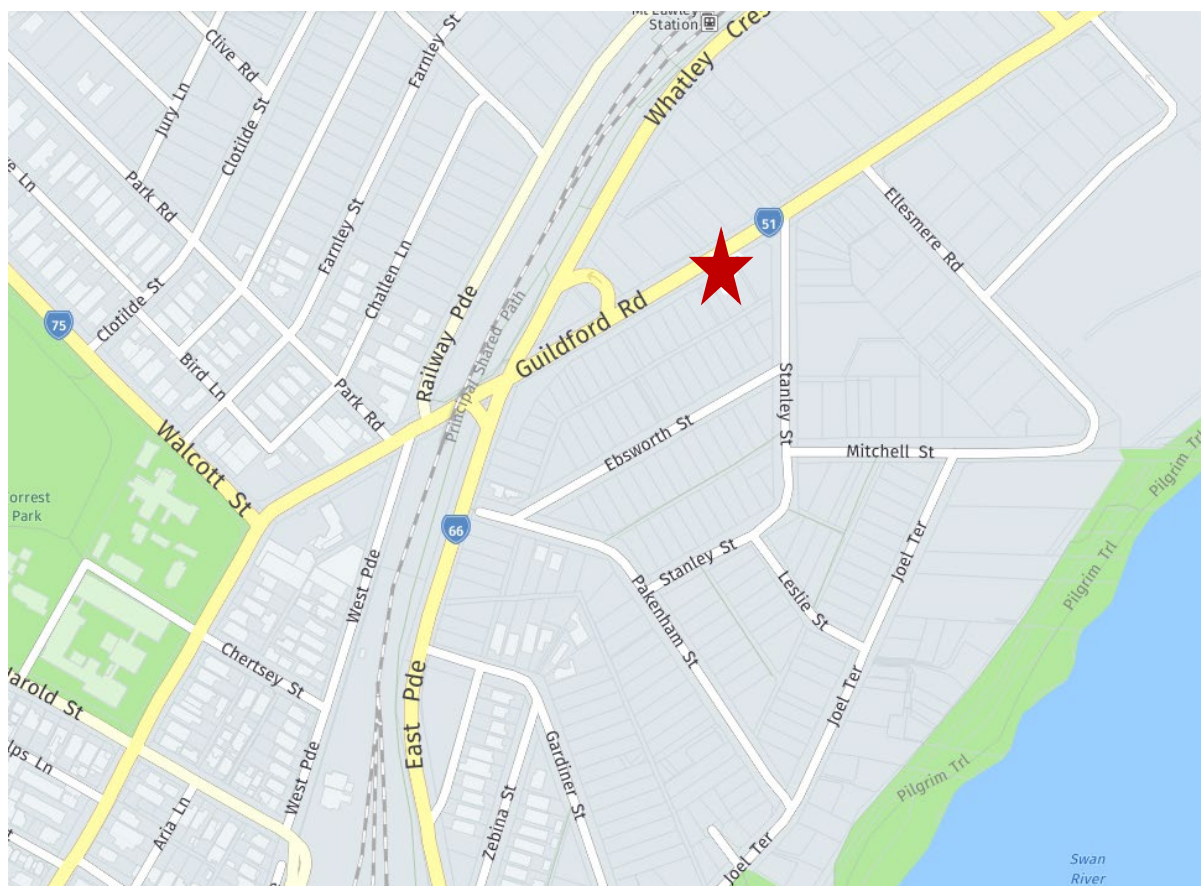


Figure 1: Location Plan

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Figure 2: Lots 254 and 403 (40) Guildford Road Mount Lawley.

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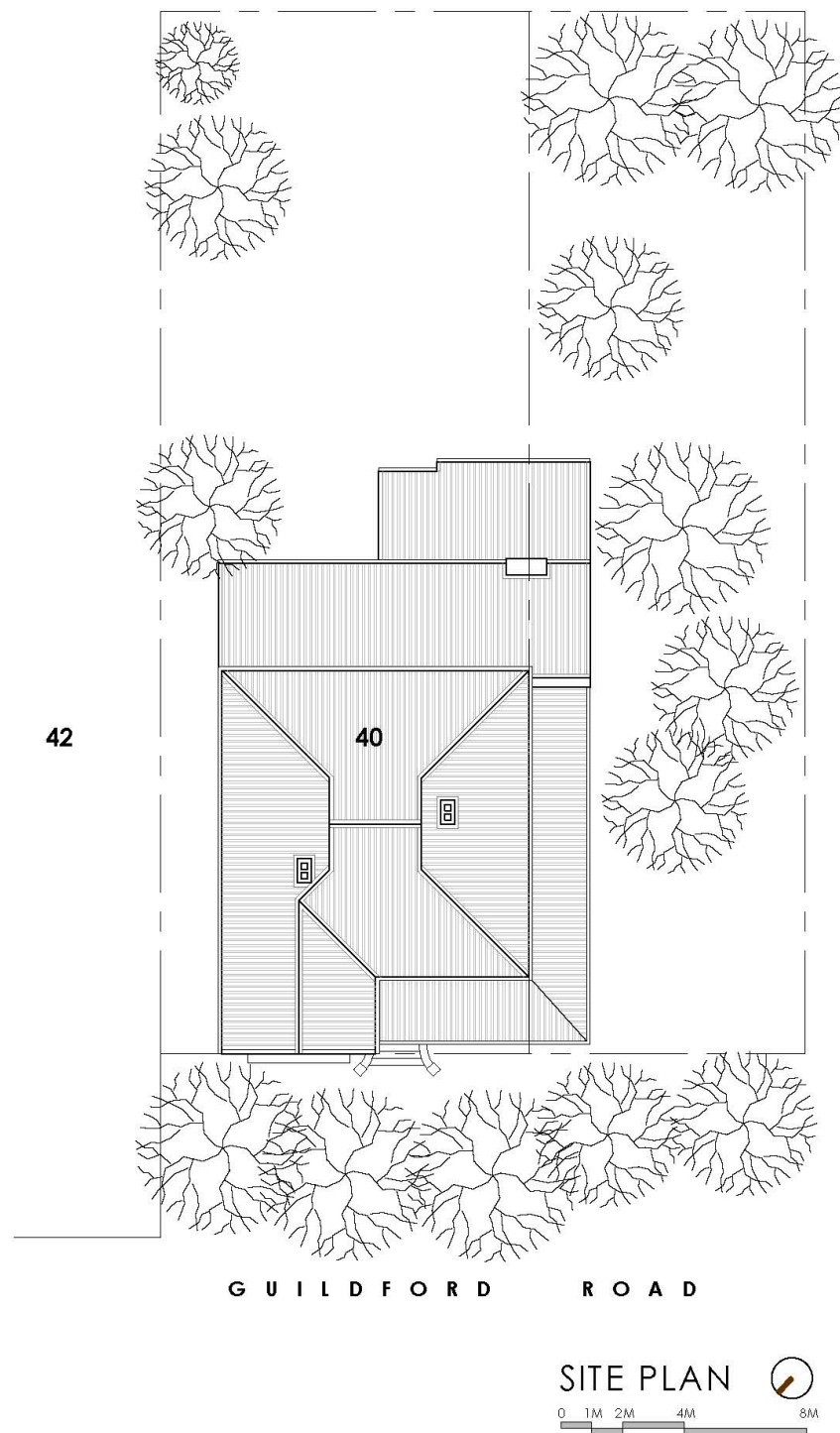


Figure 3: Site Plan

4.0 Brief History

*This history has been expanded from the research prepared for the City of Vincent Local Heritage Survey. Acknowledgement is extended to the authors of that documentation.*¹

This section of Guildford Road is part of the East Norwood Estate which was developed in 1898, on part of Locations A4 and A5, on the eastern side of the Fremantle-Guildford Railway line, in the East Perth/Mt Lawley area. The subdivision was carried out by surveyors Crossland & Hardy on behalf of the Perth (WA) Estate Company Limited of 364 Hay Street.

The strong demand for new housing was a result of the population boom created by the gold discoveries in the State. One member of the Perth (WA) Estate Company was Zebina Lane, who was an engineer and mine owner at the Great Boulder mines, and one of a number of people who made money in gold mining and reinvested it in land developments during this period. The Company had previously developed the adjoining Westralia Estate on the west side of the railway line on Location A4. The estate was promoted as having 'splendid building lots', 'made roads' and 'river frontages'. In the latter case these were the larger blocks along Joel Terrace which were expected to attract the wealthier buyers. It is evident from the subdivision map that this was not one of the earliest blocks sold, the earliest being those used for 'spec' and rental housing along the railway line (East Parade), Bramall and Summers Street.

The estate's boundary nearest to the subject place was Stanley Street (two house blocks from No. 40), which later became the boundary between the Town of Vincent (formed 1995) and that portion of Mount Lawley which is in the City of Stirling. This section of Guildford Road was listed in the Wise's Post Office Directories initially as 'Guildford old road' and by 1905 it was known as 'Old Guildford Road' and listed in conjunction with Lord Street. Around 1908 it became known as 'Guildford Road, Norwood' and it remained so until the 1940's.

No 40 Guildford Road, was well positioned for access to Perth's train system via the nearby Mount Lawley Station. Then in 1924 a single tram track was laid from the tram terminus on the corner of Lord and Lincoln Streets through the Mount Lawley Subway to Maylands. In 1939 this line was duplicated, and the Subway widened to accommodate the second track. This further improved access to the city.

In 1925 the resident was Herbert Illingworth. At that time the area around the Mount Lawley Subway (just a street block away) was a thriving village. The shops and businesses also listed in the Directories were No. 1 Guildford Road Methodist Church, No. 3 plumber, No. 5 Laundry, Nos. 8 - 10 butcher, No. 12 fancy goods and draper, No. 14 confectioner and grocer, No. 15 newsagent, stationer, tobacconist and State Savings Bank agency, No. 18 tobacco and fancy goods and No. 19 butcher. In 1.

The subdivision plan for this property was approved in 1898 and lots were purchased from the developer British Westralia Syndicate Limited.² Lots 253 and 254 were purchased in 1902 by Alice Victoria McColl.³

Alice Victoria McColl (c1863-1914) was the wife of railway employee, Stawell Austral McColl (c1861-1916). From the available evidence in the Post Office Directories and Electoral Rolls the place was built in 1904 as A. McColl is recorded living in Guildford Road in 1905. The builder or architect of the residence has not been determined. It is likely that a local builder, such as John Berne Hawkins who lived in Guildford Road, constructed the home in accordance with readily available plans from pattern books that were in common usage at the time. The plan form and remaining detail of the building indicate that the home was of some quality and not a cottage for occupants of limited

¹ Place 3818 House, City of Vincent InHerit database entry. Adopted 2006.

² Certificate of Title, 161/20, Landgate.

³ Certificate of Title, 161/20, Landgate.

income. This conclusion is also supported by the evidence that the residence occupied more than one lot it and was set in a more expansive garden setting.⁴

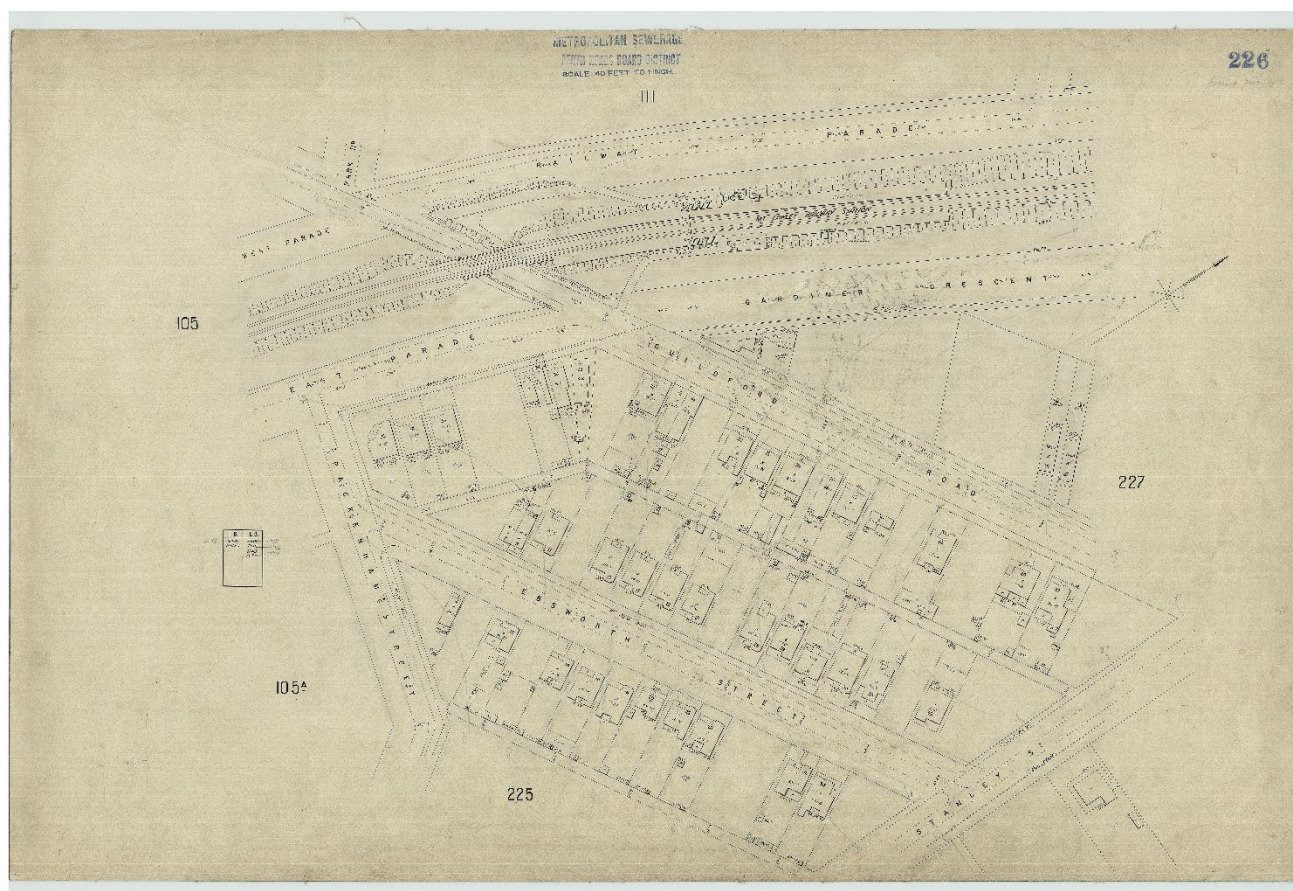


Figure 4: Sewerage Plan Sheet 226, 1917.

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The McColls appear to have lived in the place until c1911 and subsequently leased the place to tenants. A newspaper article from March 1911 records that Stawell and Alice McColl were living in St Georges Terrace Perth at that time.⁵

Post Office Directories record that there was a rapid turnover of occupants between 1912 and 1915 and was then occupied by caterer Andrew Cavanagh and his wife Jane until 1918.

In 1914, Alice McColl died, and the property transferred to Stawell McColl, and on his death in 1916 the property was transferred to their children, Alice Sophia McColl and Archibald Dougald McColl.⁶ The siblings continued to lease the property to tenants, traveller Herbert Illingworth and his wife Ethel Illingworth from 1919 to 1926.⁷

In 1926, the property was transferred to clerk Frederick William James Joyce (c1893-1973) and his wife Eunice Hilda Joyce, nee Bevan (c1895-1977). The couple married in 1914 and had at least four children and lived at this house until the 1970s. Frederick Joyce died in 1973 and Eunice lived on in the house until at least 1975 when the place was transferred to draftsman William Richard Marks and

⁴ Sewerage Plan Sheet 226 shows the width of the lot is larger than the majority of the housing lots adjacent.

⁵ *The West Australian*, 29 March 1911, p. 4.

⁶ Certificates of Title, 682/184 and 682/185, Landgate.

⁷ Post Office Directories, State Library of WA, [Post office directories | State Library of Western Australia \(slwa.wa.gov.au\)](https://postoffice.directories.slwa.wa.gov.au) accessed February 2023.

Public Relations Officer Lynette Marks.⁸ The couple lived at the house until 1986 when the house was transferred to the Western Australian Planning Commission.⁹ With the transfer of the property to the WAPC the residence was leased to tenants.

Aerial photographs from the mid 20th century indicate that the extent and form of the residence have not changed considerably since that time. The WAPC and its subsequent authorities maintained the property when it was occupied by tenants including the replacement of the roof cladding in the late 1980s.

The physical evidence suggests that the timber verandah was replaced in the late 1980s with the current verandah which is brick laid on sand.

The houses located to the south of the 40 Guildford Road were demolished in 2000, and the house to the north was demolished c2009. The original residential context of this portion of Guildford Road has been lost as a result of these changes.

The residence has been unoccupied for several years and is in a very poor condition.

4.1 Occupants and owners

DATE	OWNERS	OCCUPANT
1898 - 1902	British Westralia Syndicate Limited	None
1902 - 1918	Alice Victoria McColl	1905 – 1911 Stawell Austral McColl and Alice Victoria McColl. 1912 William J Franz 1913 Frederick W Koeppe 1914 John Dillon and Haswell Bromley 1915 - 1918 Andrew and Jane Cavanagh
1918 - 1926	Alice Sophia McColl and Archibald Dougald McColl	1919 - 1926 Herbert Illingworth
1926 – 1975	Frederick William Joyce and Eunice Hilda Joyce.	Frederick William Joyce (until 1973) and Eunice Hilda Joyce.
1975 - 1986	William Richard Marks and Theresa Barbara Marks	William Richard Marks and Theresa Barbara Marks
1986 - 2001	Western Australian Planning Commission	Various
2001 – 2023	Western Australian Planning Commission (Dept of Planning Lands and Heritage)	Various and vacant

⁸ Certificate of Title 1033/111, Landgate.

⁹ Certificate of Title 1070/301, Landgate.

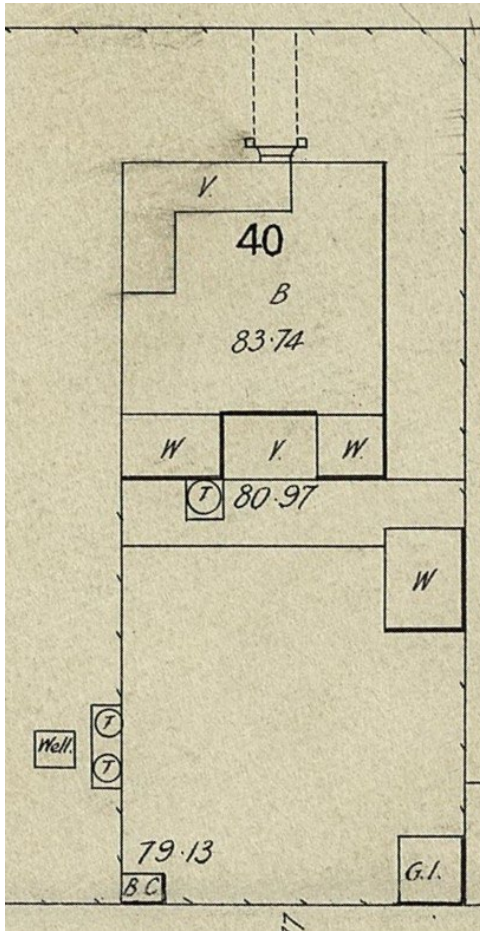


Figure 5: Sewerage plan of the property, 1917.
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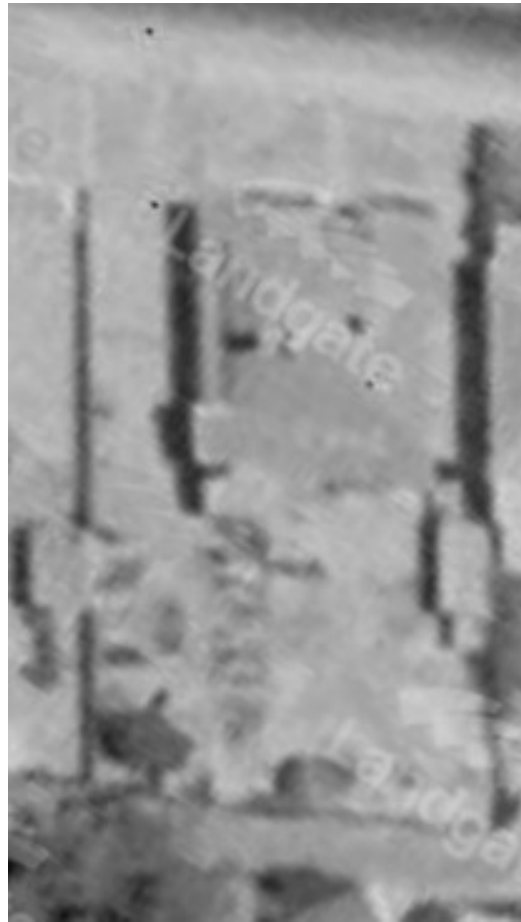


Figure 6: Aerial photograph, 1965
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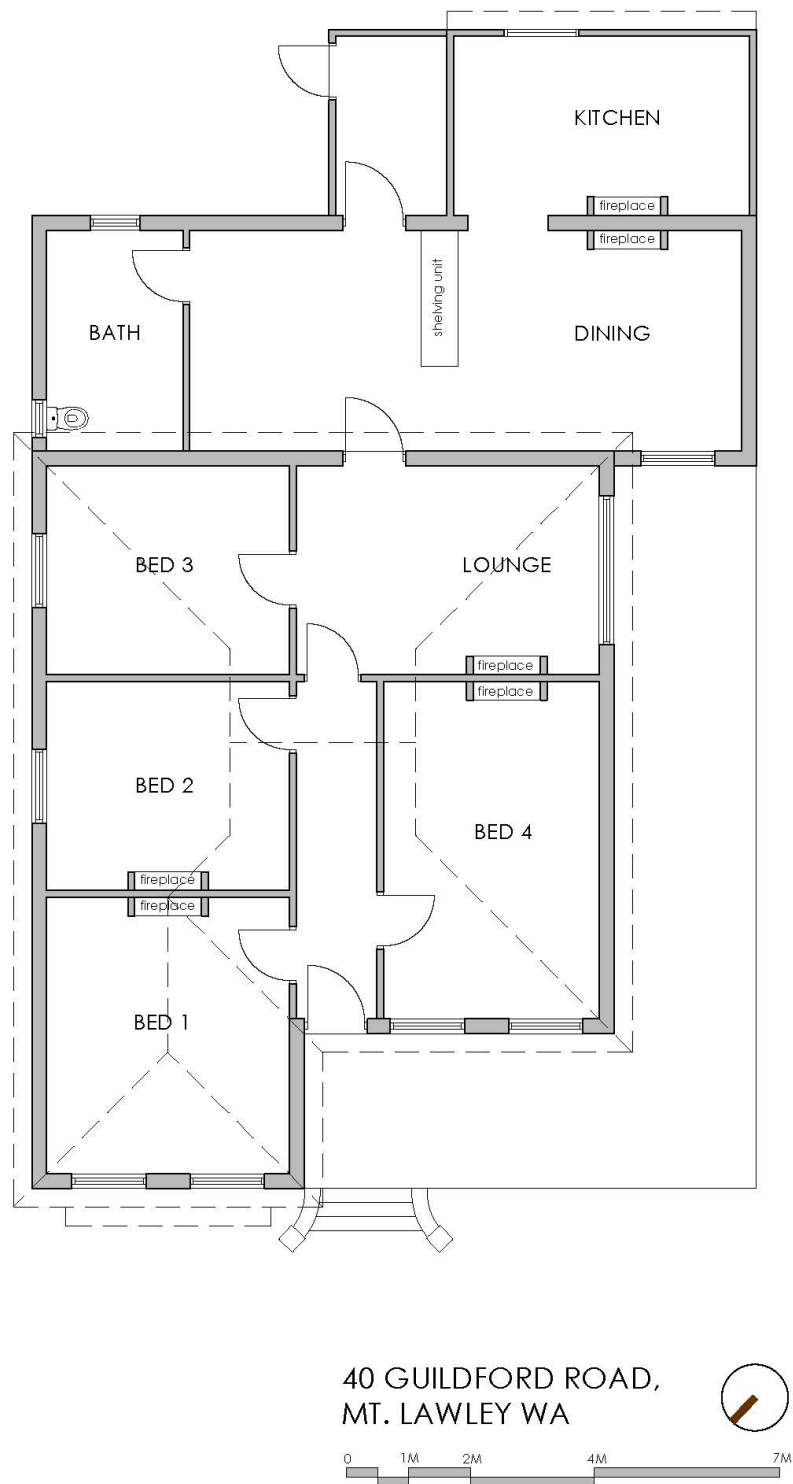


Figure 7: Floor Plan

5.0 Photographs

The following images were taken on 8 March 2023 by Hocking Heritage + Architecture. No access was available to the roof space or underfloor space.

5.1 Streetscape



Figure 8: View southwest on Guildford Road and vacant lot adjacent.

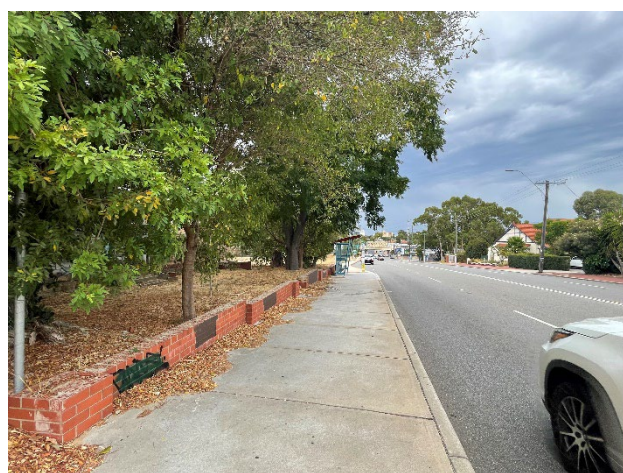


Figure 9: View southwest on Guildford Road towards the Mount Lawley subway.



Figure 10: View northeast on Guildford Road towards subject property.



Figure 11: View of the western elevation across the adjacent vacant lots.



Figure 12: View from the lane at the rear of the property.



Figure 13: View from the lane at the rear of the property.



Figure 14: View from the lane showing the rear property fence and planting.



Figure 15: View from the lane to the western elevation.



Figure 16: View showing relationship to Guildford Road.

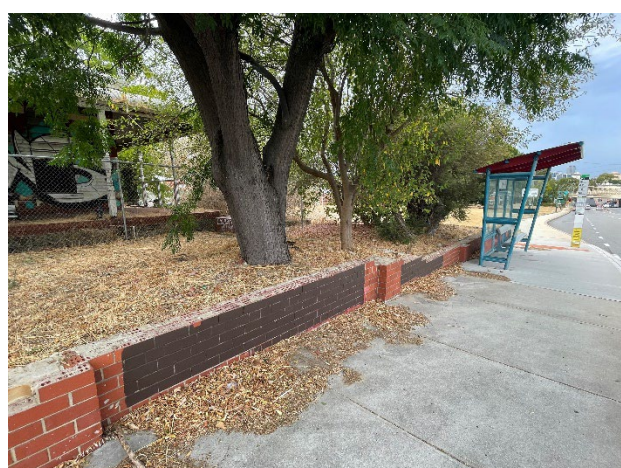


Figure 17: View showing relationship to Guildford Road.



Figure 18: Properties on the northern side of Guildford Road.



Figure 19: View to buildings on the northern side of Guildford Road.

5.2 Elevations and Landscape

The majority of the exterior of the original residence still demonstrates the brick construction with concrete bands and some remnants of tuckpointing. Large areas of the external walls have graffiti and the surrounding grounds are in poor condition although there are some mature trees.



Figure 20: Front Elevation

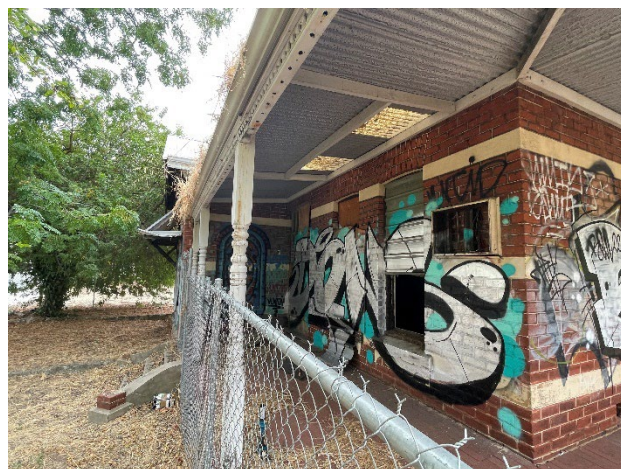


Figure 21: Front Elevation



Figure 22: Front Elevation.



Figure 23: Front Elevation.

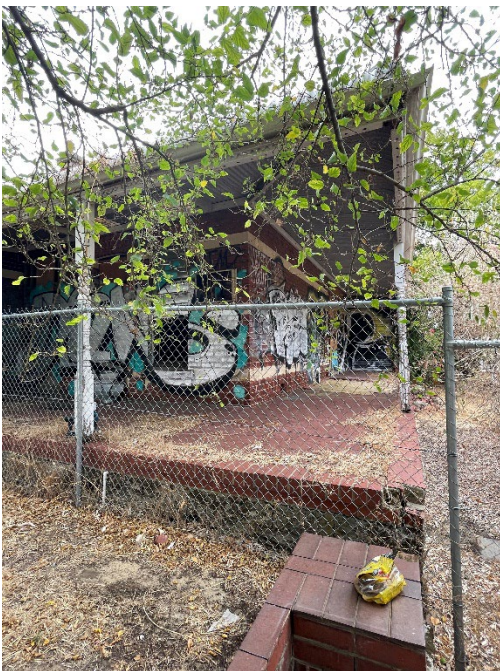


Figure 24: Front Elevation showing verandah.



Figure 25: Front Elevation showing original steps.



Figure 26: Rear Elevation.



Figure 27: Rear Elevation.



Figure 28: Rear Elevation.



Figure 29: Rear Elevation.



Figure 30: West Elevation.



Figure 31: East Elevation.



Figure 32: Remnant planting on the east side of the house



Figure 33: Overgrown creeper on the west elevation.



Figure 34: Rubble and degraded plants on the west side of the lot.



Figure 35: Fenced western side of the lot and some remnant hardscaping.



Figure 36: View of the mature trees in the backyard from the lane.



Figure 37: Back yard.

5.3 Internal Photographs

The interior of the property was poorly lit and difficult to navigate because of the removed floorboards and accumulation of debris. The following photographs demonstrate that the majority of detail has been removed. Apart from some original floorboards there are no architraves, skirtings or doors. There is also asbestos sheeting in the rear of the building.



Figure 38: Front Door.



Figure 39: Hallway.



Figure 40: Hallway.



Figure 41: Hallway.



Figure 42: Bedroom

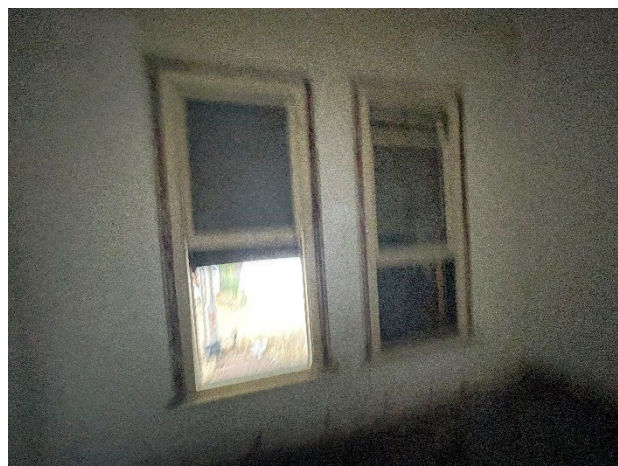


Figure 43: Bedroom.



Figure 44: Bedroom



Figure 45: Bedroom 1.

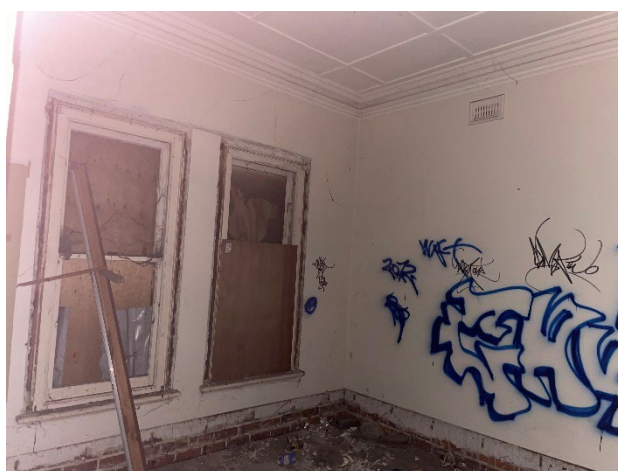


Figure 46: Bedroom 1.

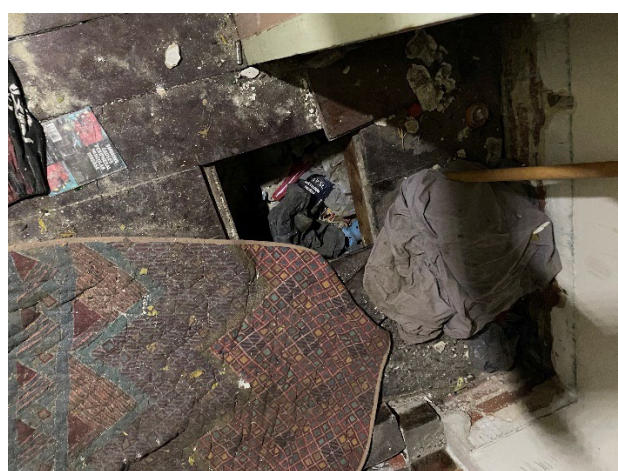


Figure 47: Detail of floorboards.



Figure 48: Bedroom 2.

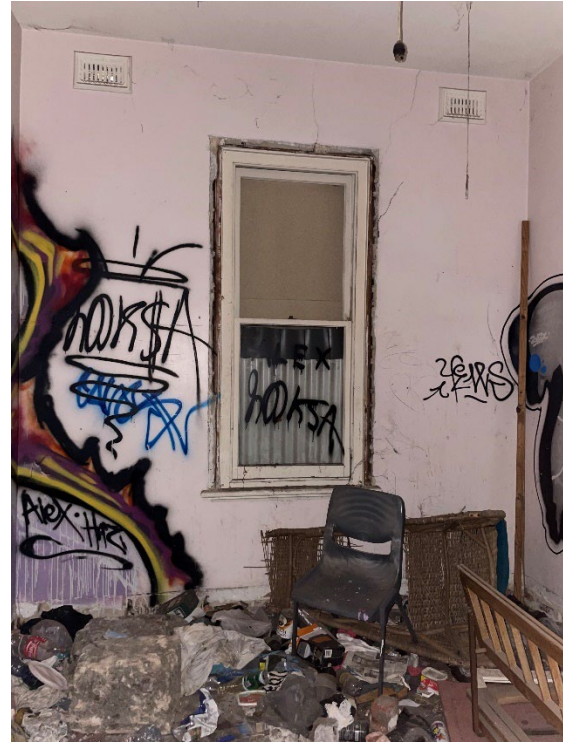


Figure 49: Bedroom 3.



Figure 50: Lounge Room.



Figure 51: Lounge Room.



Figure 52: Lounge Room



Figure 53: Lounge Room



Figure 54: Dining Room (former kitchen)

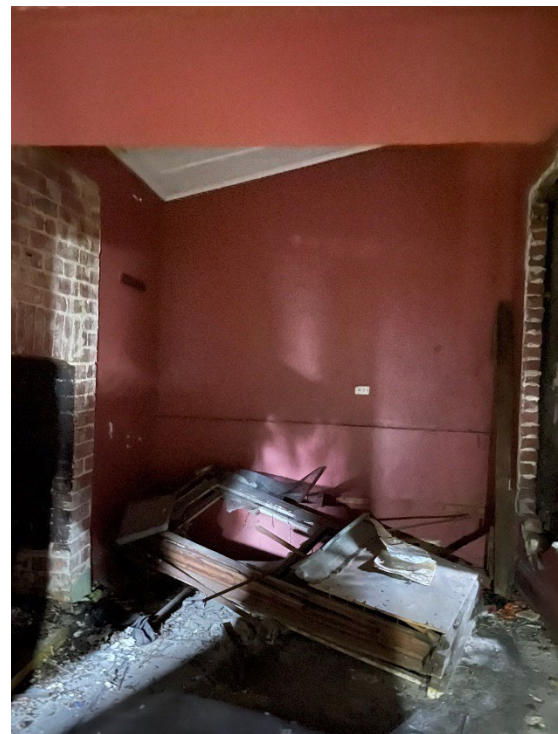


Figure 55: Dining Room (former kitchen)



Figure 56: Kitchen.



Figure 57: Kitchen ceiling.



Figure 58: Kitchen alcove.



Figure 59: Kitchen.



Figure 60: Sleepout looking through to Dining Room.



Figure 61: Sleepout looking through to Dining Room.



Figure 62: Bathroom door and ceiling.



Figure 63: Bathroom.

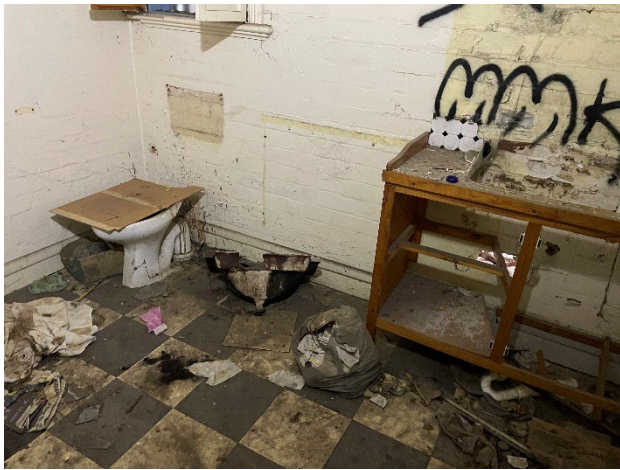


Figure 64: Bathroom.



Figure 65: Bathroom window.