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Name of Item	Cottage				Reference No
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					Land Title
Address	164 Smith S	Street			Lot 1 DP 960103
Locality	Summer Hill		Postcode	2130	
Item Type	Building				Zoning
Group Name					?
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Historic					Private
Aesthetic					
Social					a
Scientific					Condition M Intact
Other					☐ Minor alteration
	of Significance				☐ Sympathetic alteration ☐ Unsympathetic alteration
This cottage is an interesting example of the Californian Bungalow style. Located within a mature and possibly intact garden, it adds variety to this part of Smith Street where it is a small oasis in a busy streetscape. Its front fence is a notable feature in the streetscape and adds to teh heritage interest of Cottage					
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Heritage Listing		
Themes: Local	Themes: State	
Subdivision & consolidation	Housing	
Sub themes: local		
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History of the Item

This land was subdivided and auctioned as part of the Summer Hill Estate in November 1876. It remained as vacant land for many years. In April 1918, this land was purchased as vacant land by Frederick Turner, real estate agent of Summer Hill for £546. Soon afterwards, he caused a house to be erected on this land. He was listed as living at 164 Smith Street from 1920 until 1922 in the Sands Directories. On 22 December 1921, he transferred this cottage to Gertrude Caroline Hislop, a widow of Ashfield for £3000. She was shown as the owner-occupier of a cottage at this location in the 1923 Rate lists. No building application for this house could be located in the Building Register as the earliest surviving Register dates from 1920. The 1926 Valuer General's List gave the name of this house as "Wanabeen".

Physical Description

Californian Bungalow of brick with a single prominent overarching gable roof facing north to Smith Street. Roof cladding is of Marseilles terra cotta tiles. The gable end is of fibro with batten cover strips. A verandah extends across the full frontage of this dwelling with a return down the eastern side to the entrance door. The verandah is supported on a high brick base and balustrade topped with paired massive timber columns. Concrete steps with a low moulded concrete rail lead to the front verandah and the doorway. The front fence is of decoratively carved sandstone posts with a fence of cast iron spear pickets between. A substantial garden of pine trees, deciduous trees and shrubs and similar species is at the front. Coupled with the deep verandah, this garden closes this cottage off from the street. Although the bungalow is close to a busy and narrow road, it is substantially private.

Information Sources

Sands, Directories, 1919-23; Dealing A 771895

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Additional Images

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