

BUILDING TITLE: Interwar bungalow			BUILDING ADDRESS: 355 Gray Street (corner of Elva Avenue)		
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: A	B	C X	D	E	BUILDING TYPE: detached house
DESIGNATION: HBR Reg No	File #	AHC File #	NT File #	Class	Rec
CONSERVATION AREA: outside	LEVEL OF STREETScape SIGNIFICANCE:			1	2 3
STYLE: International (De Stijl)					
CONSTRUCTION DATE & ALTERATIONS:					
1. 1941					
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Sources:					
1 HSA DP No 1197					
MATERIALS:					
Roof:	glazed t/c tiles				
Walls:	cream brick				
Dressings:	cement render				
Plinth:	cream brick				
Windows:	timber dhs				
Paving:	t/c tiles				
Other:	Cyclone wire fence				
			SURVEY DATE: 16/5/91	NEG FILE: 10/7	REPORTER: tfh
INTEGRITY: E X G	F	P	NOTABLE FEATURES: Port hole and corner windows, 'Canite' ceilings internally.		
CONDITION: E X G	F	P			
SIGNIFICANCE: Built for a member of the Ansett team and designed by Seabrooke and Fildes.					
ALTERATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:					
Appropriate:	Rec	Inappropriate:	Rec		
none required		none apparent			
O=reinstate original design S=reinstate sympathetic alternative R=remove RAM=remove by approved method					
SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/TENANTS:		ARCHITECTS/BUILDERS:		TITLE:	
outside original town boundary		Seabrooke & Fildes, architects		Sec	CA
Jimmy Andrew, first owner, 1941		Reg Williams, builder			
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Interwar Bungalow
355 Gray Street

This 1940s house on the corner of Elva Avenue and Gray Street, has local significance for its architectural interest as a building designed by the award winning firm of architects, Seabrooke and Fildes, who designed the former Uren's Pharmacy, the Williams Building and Scullions, all in Gray Street, and who were associated with the remodelling of the former Miller's Department Store at 121 Gray Street and three Gray Street hotels. All of these were built by the local builder, Reginald Williams. ⁽ⁱ⁾ Hamilton Sewerage Authority Drainage Plan dated 20 February 1941 confirms Williams Pty Ltd's involvement. ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾ Reg Williams, who was born in Coleraine to a Welsh father, came from a family which included several generations of builders. He constructed many of Hamilton's houses and commercial buildings including Fleetwood at 21 Gray Street and Nos 2, 4, 5, 12, 14 & 16 Skene Street. ⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾ According to Williams' daughter, Mrs Christie, the partner Fildes designed 355 Gray Street as a wedding present for Jimmy Andrew who worked for Reg Ansett at a time when the Ansett transport empire was being established. ^(iv) Ansett owned and occupied 12 Learmonth Street.

The house is innovative, at least by Hamilton's standards, in its L-shaped plan and for various details such as the port hole and corner windows. It is significantly intact and in excellent condition. Only one other house in Hamilton is known to have been designed by Seabrooke and Fildes, that at 13 Carmichael Street.

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Secondary Industry: Building
Transport: Aviation

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS

13 Carmichael Street
former Miller's Store, 121 Gray Street
Scullions, 196 Gray St,
Fleetwood, 21 Gray St,
2, 4, 5, 12, 14 & 16 Skene St
12 Learmonth Street
Ansett Museum, Ballarat Rd

REFERENCES

HSA DP No 1197
Garden, D, *Hamilton*, North Melbourne, 1984.

FOOTNOTES

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- ⁱ HSA DP No. 1197 (dated 20 Feb 1941, for J Andrew, Elva Avenue).
ⁱⁱ See Footnote 1.
ⁱⁱⁱ Conversation with Mrs Christie, 16 May 1991. See research into Scullions, 196 Gray Street and Fleetwood, 21 Gray Street. The attribution to Williams of Fleetwood has not been confirmed by other sources nor is it a Seabrooke & Fildes design.
^{iv} Mrs Christie. See Garden, D, *Hamilton*, p 208 & ff.