

Heritage Item #

MI Reference: 42 HCWA No: 1879	Place Name: Cody House	Other Name/s:
		Date of Review: October 2021



Address: 77 Gordon Street, Northam	Lot No: 1 to 5 Property Key: Plan Diagram: 2729 Vol Folio: Assess No:
Locality: Northam	GPS:
Current Use: Residence	Original Use(s): Residence
HERITAGE LISTINGS	
Listings:	
CONSTRUCTION	
Date of Construction: c.1901	
Architect / Builder:	
Architectural Style: Federation Queen Anne	
PHYSICAL EVIDENCE	
Description: The following description is sourced from a September 2021 inspection from the street and the 2015 Gordon Street Heritage Assessment prepared by Annette Green: Cody House, located at 77 Gordon Street, is a single storey masonry dwelling with a terracotta tile hip and gable roof displaying characteristics of the Federation Queen Anne style of architecture. The dwelling is set well back from the street and predominantly obscured behind dense mature trees. The roof is partially visible from Cody Street to the west. The dwelling has a picturesque roof with decorative twin gables along the southern façade. The gables have decorative bargeboards and half-timbered detailing to the apex reminiscent of the Rustic Gothic style of architecture. There is a dormer to the western side of the roof along with a rendered chimney with a terracotta chimney pot. Below the gables are battlemented parapets characteristic of Victorian Tudor style of architecture. A return verandah extends along the western and southern facades supported by timber posts. There is a timber pergola to the front yard with lattice infill and decorative	

corner brackets. The roof is corrugated steel with a central finial. A garden to the front yard is enclosed by a painted timber picket fence. There is a steel gate and formal driveway entry along the western side of the dwelling.
Condition: Good
HISTORICAL
Notes: The readily available evidence suggests that Cody House was constructed in c.1901 for Michael Cody, hotel proprietor. Michael Cody died in 1906 leaving a widow and young family but the house continued to be occupied by members of this family until at least the late 1930s. At the time of his death Cody was described as a "large owner of town properties". In 1920, the Trustees of the Estate of M. P. Cody offered for sale part of the family's large land holdings: <i>Comprising Lots 1 to 5 on Diagram 2729, of Northam Sub Lot 57, with a frontage to Gordon Street. These blocks are ideally situated and most suitable for building purposes.</i>
Theme: Settlements
Associations: Michael Cody
Heritage Assessment or Conservation Plan: Heritage Assessment of 17-87 & 16-78 Gordon Street, Northam. Prepared by Greenward Consulting, April 2015.
Public Access: No
SIGNIFICANCE
Level of Integrity: High
Level of Authenticity: High
Statement of Significance:
Cody House is of cultural heritage significance for the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within the context of the Gordon Street Residential Heritage Area, this place is of significance as an example of the development of this area with large residential estates by prominent local businessmen at the beginning of the twentieth century. • The place is also of aesthetic significance as a large and well-designed Federation Queen Anne villa.
Level of Significance: Considerable
Heritage Category: 2

Additional Photographs



View from Cody Street
Source: Gordon Street Heritage
Assessment, 2015



View from Gordon Street
Source: Stephen Carrick Architects
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Gables with battlemented parapets
Source: Stephen Carrick Architects
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Dormer to roof
Source: Stephen Carrick Architects
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