

City of Subiaco - Local Government Inventory Place Record

Name	House
Address	3 Smyth Road, Shenton Park
Lot Number	Lot 7, DP 1537
Photograph (2016)	
Construction Date	1911
Architectural Style	Timber Bungalow
Historical Notes	<p>An analysis of the Rate Books indicates that Lot 7 was not developed until c.1911 when a house was constructed for Mr & Mrs Charles Punch (who had previously lived in the goldfields, where Charles had worked as a miner). This house was not identified in the Post Office Directories until 1914 and was initially referred to as 5 Smyth Road (being renumbered as 3 Smyth Road by 1915). Charles Alexander Punch (c.1877-1937) and his wife Sarah (c.1877-1944) then remained at 3 Smyth Road until 1928, during which time they shared the house with their children: Stanley (born c.1911), Charles (c.1915) and Roma (c.1919). They then relocated to Salisbury Street, Subiaco.</p> <p>The next long-term occupants were the Doust family who lived here from c.1931 until 1953. Online family trees and contemporary newspaper notices suggest that Frederick Uriah Doust (c.1878-1946) had married Lenora Sophia Avins (c.1882-1975) in 1902 and that they had at least six children: Frederick (born c.1902), Harold (c.1903), Dorothy (c.1905), Edwin (c.1911), Ruby (?) and Betty (c.1919). Entries in the Electoral Rolls confirm that the four younger children all lived at 3 Smyth Road at various times in the 1930s and 1940s. The contents of the house were offered for sale in June 1953 and by 1954 Lenora Doust was living in West Perth.</p> <p><i>For further information refer to Heritage Assessment of the Smyth Road Group, 1-21 Smyth Road & 345 Onslow Road, Shenton Park, prepared by Greenward Consulting, September 2016.</i></p>
Physical Description	<p><u>Architectural style</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federation era weatherboard house. <p><u>Plan form at the street frontage</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asymmetrical façade with a projecting wing to the southern portion and an abutting verandah to the northern portion.

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	<p><u>Roof form and materials</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gable-hipped roof, clad with corrugated profile metal sheeting. • Plain face-brick chimney. • Separate bullnose verandah roof. <p><u>Wall materials and finishes to the main facade</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Square edged weatherboards. <p><u>Detailing of main façade</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central door abutting the projecting wing. <p>This features a highlight and sidelight with stained glass detailing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single double-hung window under the verandah. • Paired double-hung window to the projecting wing. • Fluted finish to the face of the door and window frames. • Decorative fret-work to the gable. <p>Note: this appears to be authentic detailing and is a key feature of the main façade.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raked window awning with turned timber bracing to the projecting wing. • Plain, square verandah posts with simple carved timber brackets. • Cross-brace timber verandah balustrade. • Steps partly extending across the face of the projecting wing and connecting the entrance path to a landing set forward of the verandah. <p><u>Streetscape setting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projecting wing set back approximately 6.5m from the street. • Front boundary defined by a square topped timber picket fence over a limestone block retaining wall. <p><u>General condition</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on a streetscape inspection the building appears to be in good condition (commensurate with its age and materials).
Associations	
Statement of Significance	<p>3 Smyth Road is of Some Significance for the City of Subiaco:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a good representative example of an early twentieth century timber house, designed to a style and scale suitable for owner occupation or rental accommodation for people with occupations such as junior public servant, tradesman or labourer; • As a good representative example of the type of housing that was constructed in the section of Shenton Park to the south of Onslow Road in c.1910-1915, as part of the early consolidation of the suburb following the opening of the West Subiaco Railway Station in September 1908.
Level of Significance/ Contribution	Some Significance (Level 3)
Listings	Local Government Inventory – adopted 24/1/2017
Main Sources / References	Heritage Assessment of the Smyth Road Group, 1-21 Smyth Road & 345 Onslow Road, Shenton Park, prepared by Greenward Consulting, September 2016.