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Mr Zach Worrall
Maroondah City Council
DX 38068
RINGWOOD VIC

Dear Zach

Re: **22 Pine Crescent, Ringwood North**

Thank you for forwarding the file of this property as it related to the ownership of J.M.C. Pratt and Sir Billy and Lady Snedden.

The file will be appropriately housed in our archives.

I note the proposed plaque on the property contains numerous and significant errors. More correct information is enclosed.

Yours faithfully
RINGWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Richard Carter
PRESIDENT

Enc

Our Reference: 4492/2004ZW

24 June 2005

Dear Sir/ Madam,

22 Pine Crescent, Ringwood North

I would like to thank you for your assistance to date in providing information and photos regarding your house at 22 Pine Crescent, Ringwood North, as part of your application for demolition.

As you are aware the house has been identified in the Maroondah City Council Stage 2 Heritage Study as having historical significance. Whilst the significance of the building is not high enough to warrant refusal of the demolition, Council is keen to ensure that the cultural and heritage value of the site is recognised in an ongoing manner.

The most appropriate way of maintaining some heritage continuity at the site is through the erection of an interpretation plaque on the front boundary. This is consistent with the advice provided by Councils heritage adviser (copy enclosed). I believe Zach Worrall has had some preliminary discussions with you regarding the possibility of incorporating such a plaque into a new stone letterbox at the frontage of the property.

Please note that no further plans are required regarding the property dimensions and architectural drawings.

If you are agreeable to the provision of the interpretative plaque please contact Zach Worrall, Strategic Planner, on ---- to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely

Sean McNamee
Team Leader Strategic Planning and Sustainability

House

ADDRESS: 22 Pine Crescent, Ringwood North**USE:** House**PREVIOUS USE:** Former house of Sir Billy Snedden**CONSTRUCTION DATE:** c1956**SOURCE:** *Sands & McDougall's Directory* 1955, 1956, 1960, 1966 & 1974**DESIGNER:** Unknown**BUILDER:** Unknown**SIGNIFICANT INTACT ELEMENTS:**

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SIGNIFICANCE:**TYPE:** Historical.**LEVEL:** Local**DESIGNATION EXISTING:** Nil.**RECOMMENDED CONTROL:** Heritage overlay.**GRID REF:** 49 F5 **SURVEY:** RP & PB. **DATE:** 19/6/99 **NEGS:** M15.24**HISTORY**

The house was possibly built in c1956. An entry is first recorded in *Sands & McDougall's Directories* in 1960, when J.M. Pratt is occupying the property. Prior to 1960, no street numbers are given next to the names of occupants in the street, although Pratt is first listed as living in the street in 1956, when Pine Crescent first appears in *Sands & McDougall's Directories*.¹

¹ *Sands & McDougall's Directory*, 1955, 1956 and 1960.

VISUAL DESCRIPTION

A long Ranch Style white painted brick, gable-roofed pavilion house extending across the block, set well back, with a higher gabled roof at left. There is a rectangular central chimney, and a gabled double garage at left. Rafters are exposed and the roof is clad with concrete Marseilles pattern tiles. There are several remnant mature trees.

INTACTNESS

Apparently good, although the drive, fence and gates are recent.

CONDITION

Apparently excellent.

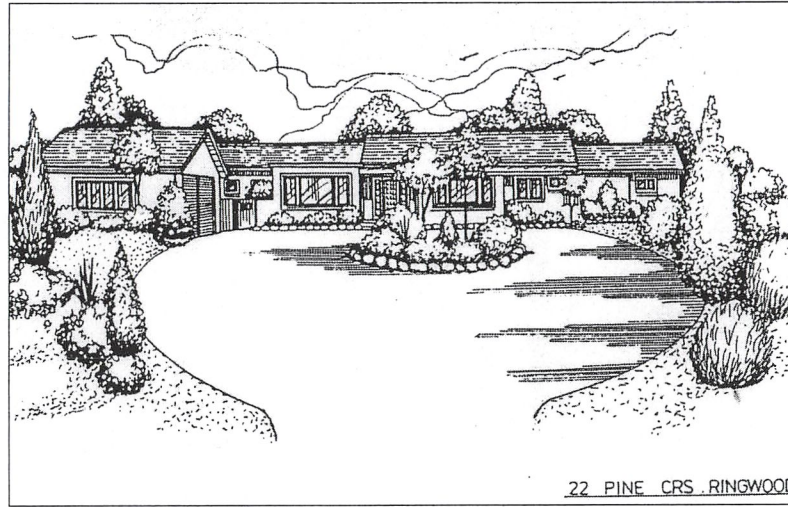
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Historically significant locally for its association with the important federal Liberal politician Sir Billy Snedden (1926-1987), Leader of the Opposition and Speaker of the House of Representatives, as his residence from 1966-c1975). It is also locally historically significant as a War Service House, built in c1956, few of which have been yet identified in Maroondah (?).

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Plaque Sketch
24/6/05.



22 PINE CRESCENT, RINGWOOD NORTH

To allow for a new development, the original residence at 22 Pine Crescent, Ringwood North was demolished in 2004. It was locally historically significant as the residence of federal Liberal politician, Sir Billy Snedden (1926-1987) and as a War Service house, few of which have been identified in Maroondah. Sir Snedden was Leader of the Opposition and Speaker of the House of Representatives from 1966-1975.

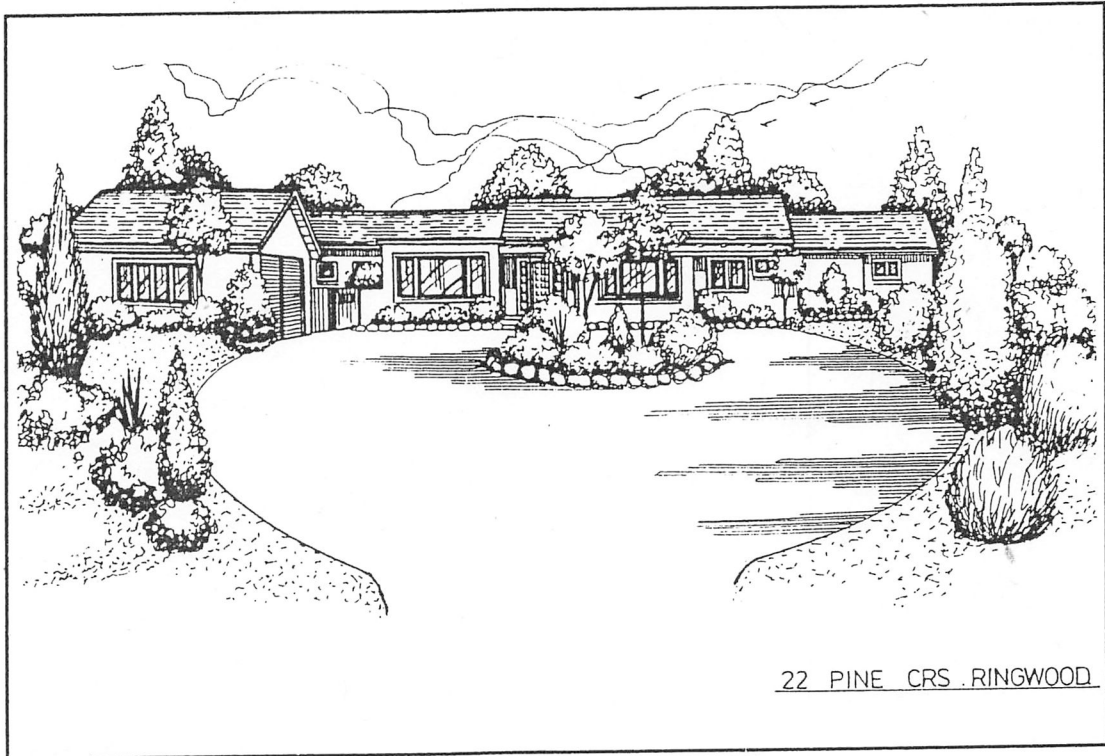
Built c1956, the original house was a long gable-roofed ranch style, with white painted brick, and set well back on the crest of the hill. It had a central rectangular chimney and gabled double garage at left (west). The Sneddon family extended the house in c1970s.

The house was set in a mature, mainly European garden, with several eucalypts, including red box. The original circular driveway was Lilydale toppings.

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22 Pine Crescent, RINGWOOD



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Agents in Conjunction

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AUCTION:

26th July at 2.00pm

FOR INSPECTION OR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT:

Richard Carter AH 9876 4124 Mobile 018 325 634

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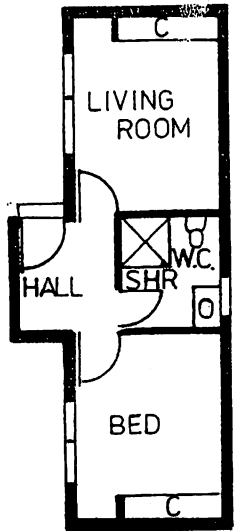
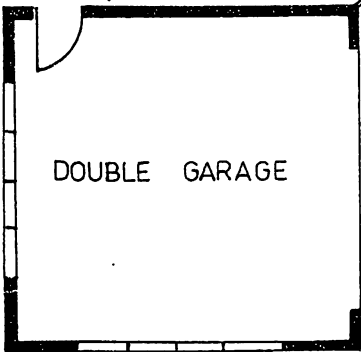
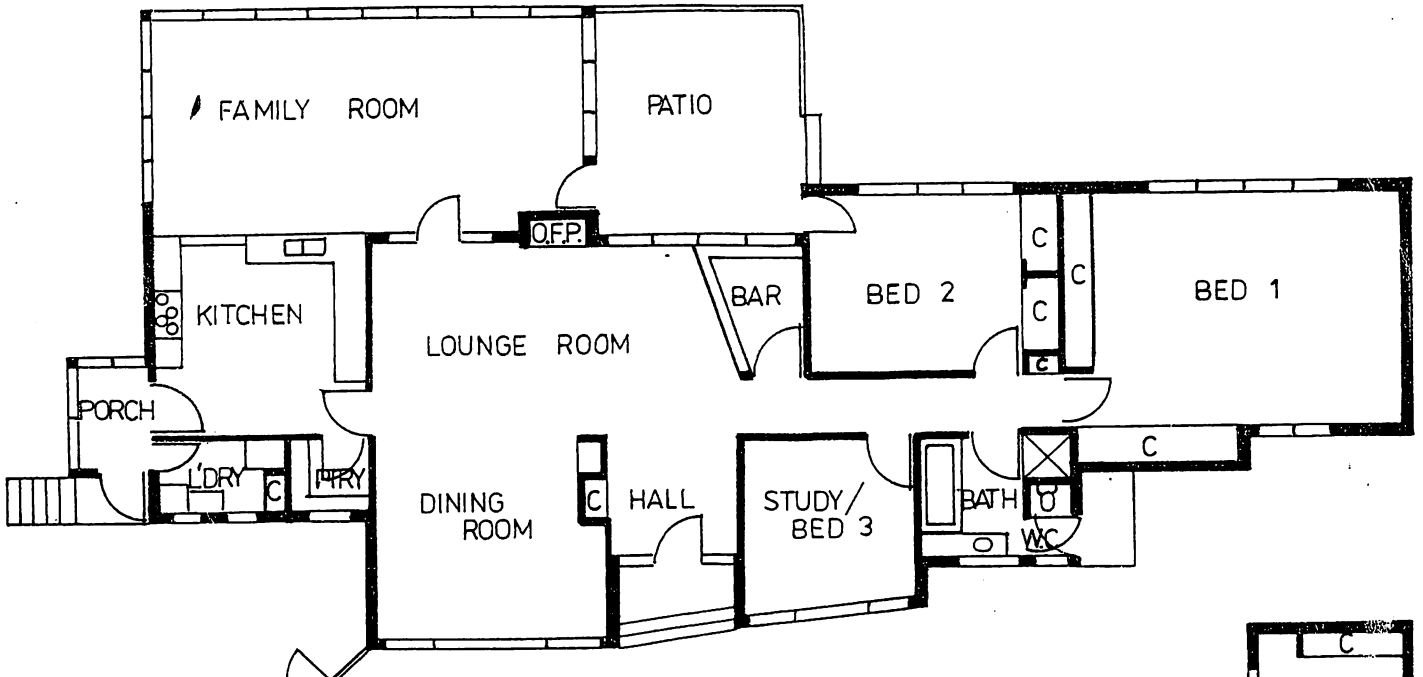
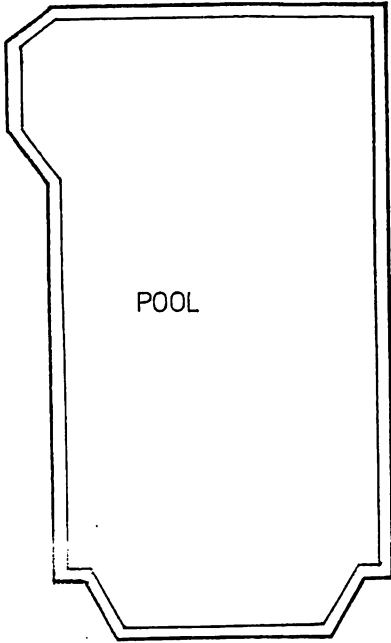
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22 PINE CRS. RINGWOOD.

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Clive Peters*

B/V.



Zach Worrall
24/06/2005 09:42 AM

To:
cc:
Subject: Re: Plaque 22 Pine Crescent

"Richard Peterson" <richard.peterson@rmit.edu.au>



"Richard Peterson"
<richard.peterson@rmit.edu.au>
22/02/2005 11:31 AM

To: <Zach.Worrall@maroondah.vic.gov.au>
cc:
Subject: Re: Plaque 22 Pine Crescent

Dear Zach,

Yes! Refer to the house as 'Former Claigionn'.

Yours,

Richard...

Hi Richard,

The owners of the heritage house at 22 Pine Crescent have found some letters from the previous owners that referred to the house as 'Claigionn', is it worth including on the plaque that the house was formerly known as 'Claigionn'?

22 Pine Crescent, Ringwood North

To allow for a new development, the original residence at 22 Pine Crescent, Ringwood North was demolished in 2004 (note or was it 2005?). The property was locally historically significant as the residence of former Liberal Parliamentarian Sir Billy Snedden (1926 – 1987). Sir Billy was the Member for the electorate of Bruce in the Australian Parliament from 1955 to 1983, Leader of the Opposition from 1972 to 1975 and Speaker of the House of Representatives from 1976 to 1983.

Built in 1947 by A.V. Jennings Construction Company for J.M.C. Pratt, the original house was a long gable-roofed ranch style white painted brick veneer, set well back on the crest of the hill with a northerly aspect. It had a central rectangular chimney and a gabled double garage.

Billy and Joy Snedden bought the property in 1963 and had alterations done by A.V. Jennings in 1967. ~~His widow,~~ Lady Snedden, sold the property in 1997.