

338 Main Road Lower Plenty | 37 Rangeview Road, Lower Plenty

Original Mudbrick cottage and studio designed and built by Eltham artist, David Alan Newbury

See also EDHS\_06090 David Newbury (Artist)

David Newbury was married to Clare Margaret Newbury. According to the 1954 Electoral Roll they were living at 36A Murphy Street, South Yarra however around 1953 they purchased Lots 3 and 4 of Main Road Lot Plan LP 23911 in Lower Plenty. A building permit, No. 71, was issued 8 December 1953 for a 5-room house of Vertical Board construction, cost £2,840, builder L. Williams, owner D. Newbury of 36 Murphy Cl., South Yarra. The large house was in fact mostly built of mudbrick, the construction method was only just becoming recognised as an acceptable form in the late 1940s for issuance of a building permit. The house was commenced in 1954, designed by David Newbury and built by David Newbury, Horrie Judd and others.

Information from Newbury family friends suggests that a second mudbrick building was constructed in the late 1950s, early 1960s for use as an artist studio by Newbury. The building was connected directly to the water mains at the time and was made suitable for living accommodation during the period Newbury was teaching at Bendigo. Apparently he and Claire rented out the main house during their time in Bendigo and would reside in the studio when visiting Melbourne. No permit for this studio was found in the Building Permit Register, Shire of Eltham, 1949-1960. The last recorded entries in the register are dated May 1960. This would suggest that the studio was constructed post May 1960. It is believed the studio was constructed during the latter period of Newbury's teaching post in Bendigo so possibly late 1960/1961.

In 1963 the Newbury's address in the Electoral Roll has the property recorded as 220 Main Road, Lower Plenty. Between 1967 to 1980 the Electoral Rolls record the property as 338 Main Road. Today the address is 37 Rangeview Road, Lower Plenty.

#### Contents:

1. Extract from 1942 Shire of Eltham Rate Book. Muriel Gladys Reitsma listed as owner
2. Extract from 1984-85 Shire of Eltham Rate Book for Rangeview Road. (No mention of No. 37 so was probably still listed as 338 Main Road.)
3. Certificate of Title, Vol. 5601 Fol. 1120089 - Issued to David James Graham of Lower Plenty, Builder, Heidelberg for Lot 32 Block B on Plan of Subdivision No. 7606, part of Crown Portion Two, Parish of Nillumbik, County of Evelyn, 29 October 1929
4. Certificate of Title, Vol. 8008 Fol. 076 - Issued to David Alan Newbury of 36 Murphy Street, South Yarra, School Teacher for Lot 3 on Plan of Subdivision No. 23911, part of Crown Portion Two, Parish of Nillumbik, County of Evelyn, 29 October 1953. Amended 24 June 1963 to transfer portion for road widening scheme per Country Roads Board Plan 6889 - Cancelled 24 September 1984
5. Certificate of Title, Vol. 9581 Fol. 583 - Issued to Paul Robert Biber and Althea Constance Biber of 139 Lower Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe for Lot 3 on Plan of Subdivision No. 23911, part of Crown Portion Two, Parish of Nillumbik, County of Evelyn, 24

September 1984. Derived from Vol. 8008 Fol. 076 L276994V - Cancelled 20 Nov 1992 when subdivided from one to two lots in Vol 10092 Fol. 192 and Vol. 10092 Fol. 193; LP222467B

6. Certificate of Title, Vol. 10092 Fol. 192 - Transfer to Lawrie Mein of 20 Dewar Drive, Hurstbridge of Lot 1 on Plan of Subdivision No. 222467B, lodged 17 Feb 1993, Registered 29 March 1996. Parent Titles Vol 08008 Fol 077, Vol 09581 Fol 583
7. Survey Field Notes of Part of Crown Portion 2, Parish of Nillumbik, County of Evelyn - Portion of land bounded by New Eltham Road. Application 23911 dated 8 Sep 1952 with appended Surveyor Field notes per Application 7098; R.D. Steele, Licensed Surveyor, 18 August 1950
8. Survey Field Notes of Part of Crown Portion 2, Parish of Nillumbik, County of Evelyn - Portion of land bounded by Main Road and Rangeview Road; 2 Lot subdivisions, Vol. 9581 Fol. 583 Part Lot 3 on LP 23911 and Vol. 8008 Fol, 077 Lot 4 on LP 23911; Application 221805 dated 27 November 1989; W.J. Goodison, Licensed Surveyor, and attached Surveyor's Report dated 6 June 1990 (Withdrawn)
9. Survey Field Notes of Part of Crown Portion 2, Parish of Nillumbik, County of Evelyn - Portion of land bounded by Main Road and Rangeview Road; 2 Lot subdivisions, Vol. 9581 Fol. 583 Part Lot 3 on LP 23911 and Vol. 8008 Fol, 077 Lot 4 on LP 23911; Application 222467 dated 20 November 1992 (221805 resubmitted); W.J. Goodison, Licensed Surveyor, and attached Surveyor's Report dated 6 June 1990

Notes:

Items 1 to 6 donated electronically

Items 7 to 9 sourced from LASSI - SPEAR, Department of Transport and Planning, Victoria State Government, <https://maps.land.vic.gov.au/lassi/SpearUI.jsp>