

Home with a long history

BACK in 1876, a farmer named Cornelius Ham purchased several hectares of prime land on which he built his home on what is known today as 36 Scott Street, Mitcham.

In September 1906, this house landed in the hands of the wealthy Scott family, previously of Northcote (which explains the street name.)

Several owners followed and most of the land was gradually sold off.

A family called Findlay purchased the property and lived there for 30 years, finally selling it in 1960.

Since then, the new owners have updated and extended the home.

The home was refurbished a few years back, not with the intention of turning it into a show place, but to create a truly comfortable surrounds in keeping with both the mid-Victorian character of the property and the present owners' lifestyle.

Deciding that a rich neutral carpet for the formal and family areas would be appropriate and practical, large terracotta floor tiles were selected for the entrance hall and walkways.

The tall ceilings, and much of the plaster had to be renewed, are a delight to view. The fireplace surrounds and mantels are in excellent condition, with interior feature brick, plaster and touches of pine.

The entire back of the house was extended. The external, brick-paved patio was opened up and internal partitions removed.

The result of nearly two years hard work is an open style of family living plus formal entertaining.

This is a home which blends the skills of today with the charm of days gone by, a home with personality, a home that friends will pay compliment to.

It has four bedrooms. The main bedroom has a small en suite with toilet, shower, vanity, and stained glass.

Wardrobes are built into all bedrooms.

The large open sitting-room has garden views. The formal dining room is grand and has a bay window and fireplace. It was used as a fifth bedroom before the refurbishment.

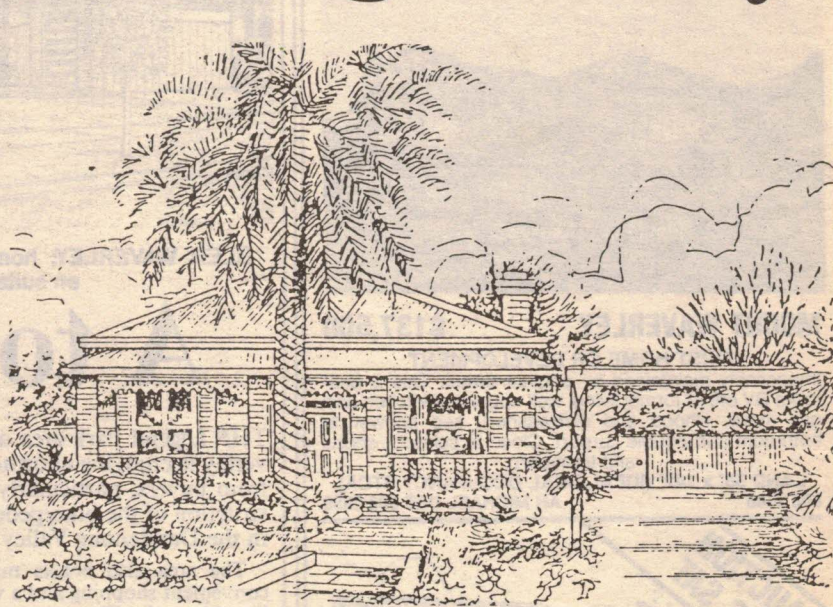
The kitchen is described as "lovely to work in" and casual meals can be taken in the room. It enjoys lots of natural light from large windows. Features include granite cook tops, dishwasher, and gas appliances. Meanwhile, a black-pot stove has been retained.

The north-facing family room opens to the brick-covered patio and walkways in a delightful cottage garden and small lawn areas.

A sunroom is located directly off the sitting-room.

Off-street, there is undercover carpark for two or more vehicles.

Behind the front fence on a wide frontage is an easily manageable gar-



MITCHAM: this delightful home, first built in 1876, has been totally extended and refurbished.

den. Two large decorative urns dominate the front veranda entrance.

The property is well located to shops, schools and city transport.

It offers a unique and gracious quality of living. It is believed to be the last of the original homes that were built in the 1880s in the district.

Inspection is open to the public between 2-3pm on Wednesday and Saturday. It will be shown on Sundays at advertised times.

Sale terms shall be 10 per cent deposit, and balance in January '93.

Auction of the property is on Saturday, October 3, at 2.30pm through David Blain & Associates Pty Ltd, 47 Wadham Parade, Mt Waverley, phone 807-6555 or private 873-2364.