

***Romance  
Restored  
in the  
Dandenongs***



Your opportunity to own a unique  
“hideaway showplace” at Ferny Creek  
(Just 4-minute drive Ferntree Gully and excellent access City)

**AUCTION**  
**SATURDAY, 19th NOVEMBER, 12 noon**  
on the property  
**“MOONTA” 18 School Road, Ferny Creek**

Agents in Conjunction



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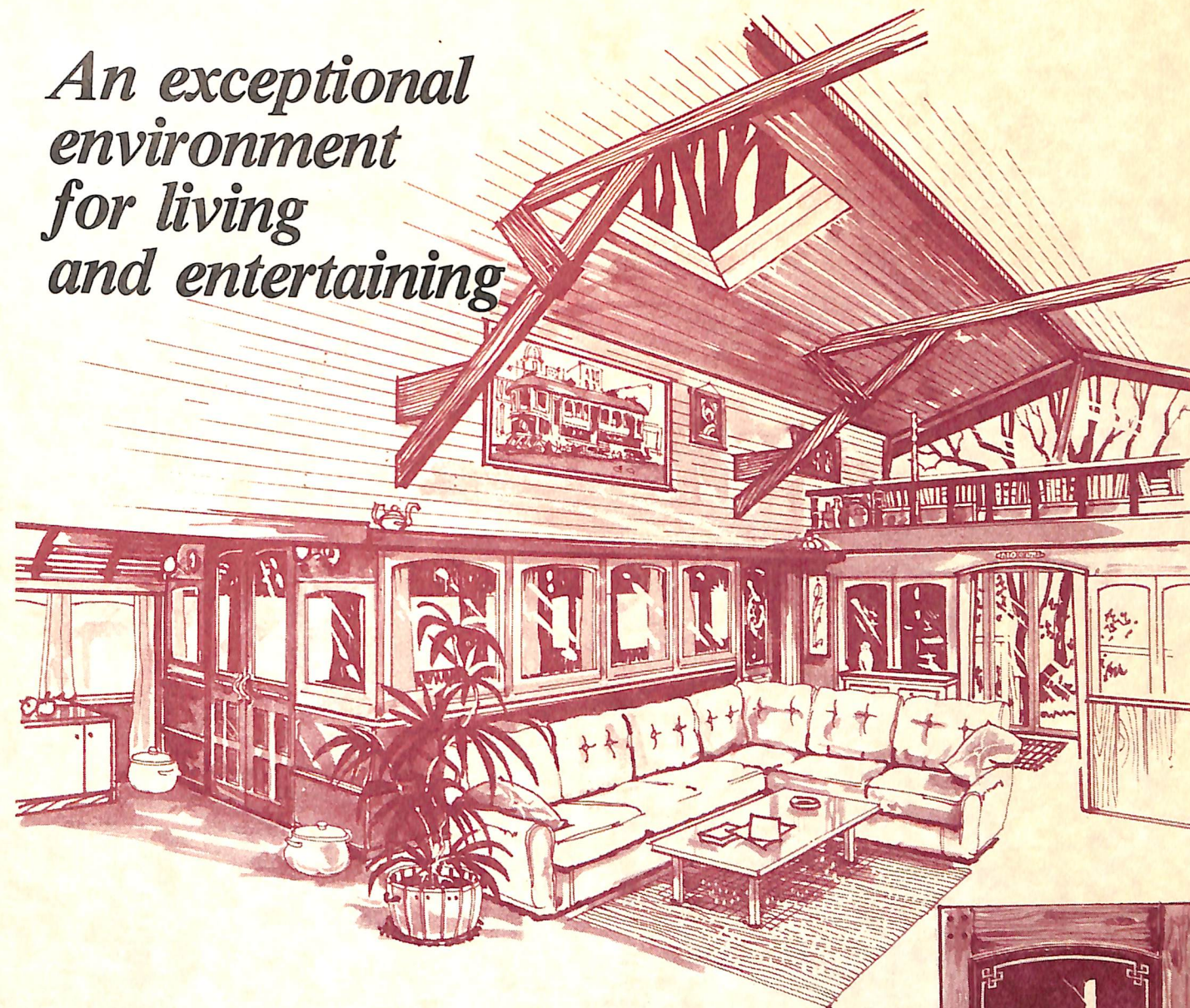


## Come for a nostalgic journey . . .

Trams Nos. 1, 5 and 6 (Melbourne's first electric tramway vehicles — the 4 wheelers — circa 1908) form a fascinating framework for this most remarkable home . . . which is truly a "Connoisseurs Collection Piece".

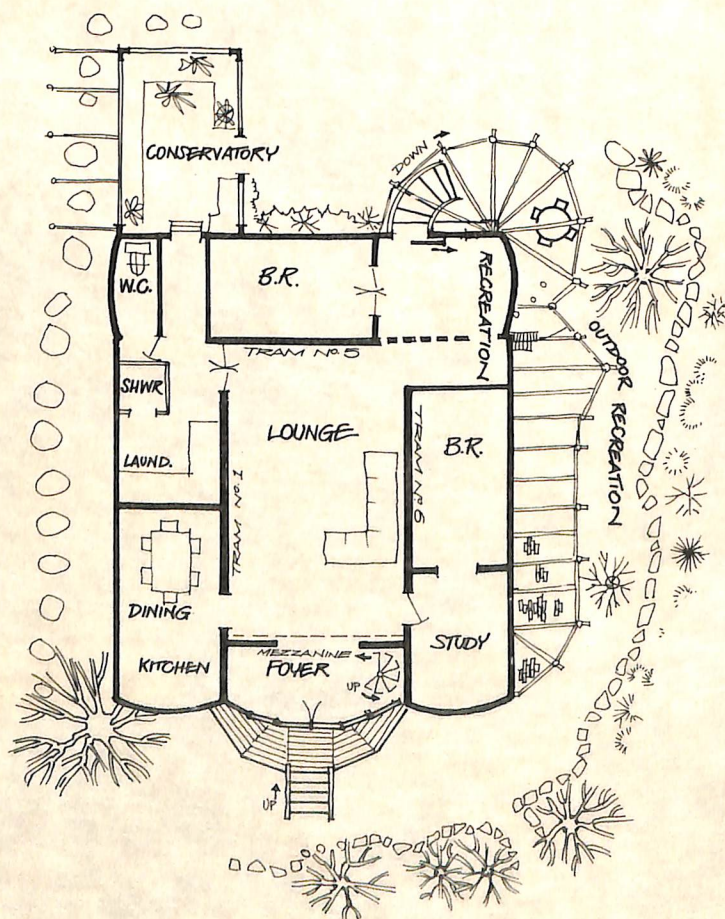
Brilliantly conceived and restored in meticulous detail with all the original brasswork, solid oak frame, walnut panelling, embellished in classical maroon and gold external livery.

## An exceptional environment for living and entertaining



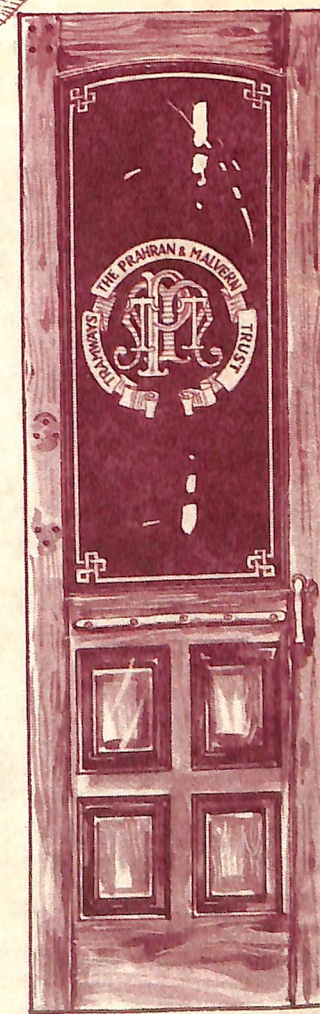
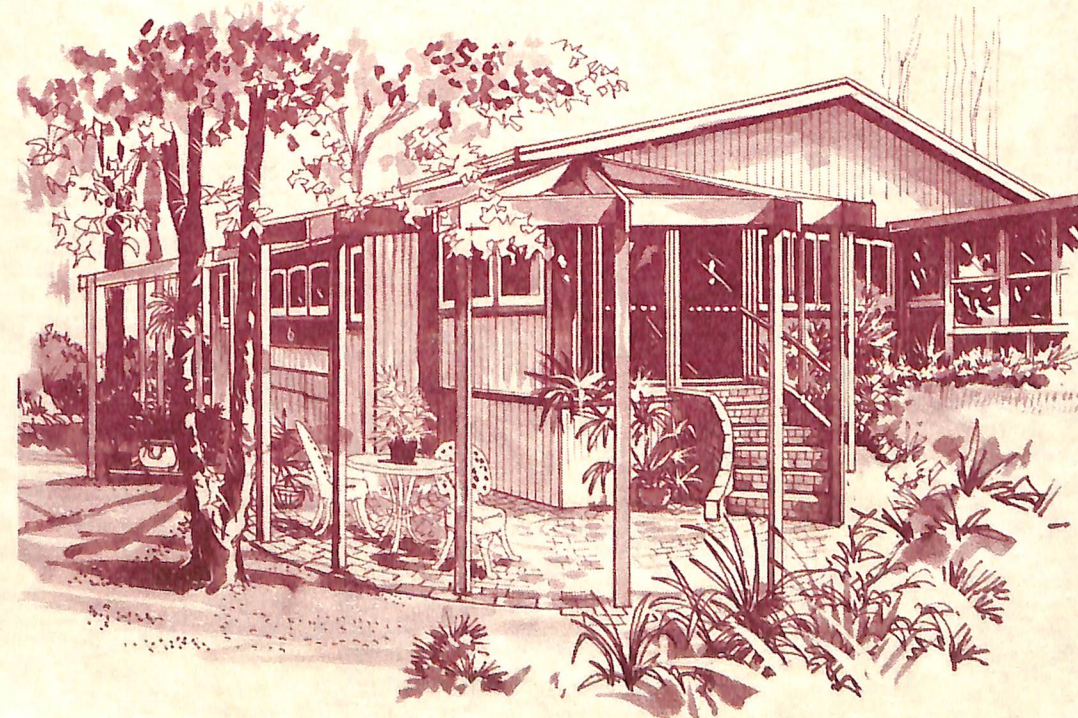
SUPERBLY INTEGRATED AS ONE DWELLING WITH AN IMPRESSIVE AND INVITING CENTRAL LIVING AREA UNDER HIGH VAULTED AND ARCHED TIMBERS (featuring imported Burmese nyotah Hardwood and pine lining) WITH A ENCLOSED FRONT ENTRY/VERANDAH WITH SPIRAL STAIRWAY TO SMALL RELAXATION MEZZANINE AREA POSSESSING TREED AND DISTANT VIEWS.

The exciting floorplan (see plan) embraces 2 double bedrooms (BIR's), bathroom, separate shower, separate W.C., central living area, sunroom with French doors to outdoor living area with rotunda style pergola and extensive brick paving. There is also a delightful study and an enchanting diningroom with window servery ledges and stylish modern kitchen, laundry facilities and a lovely conservatory extension.

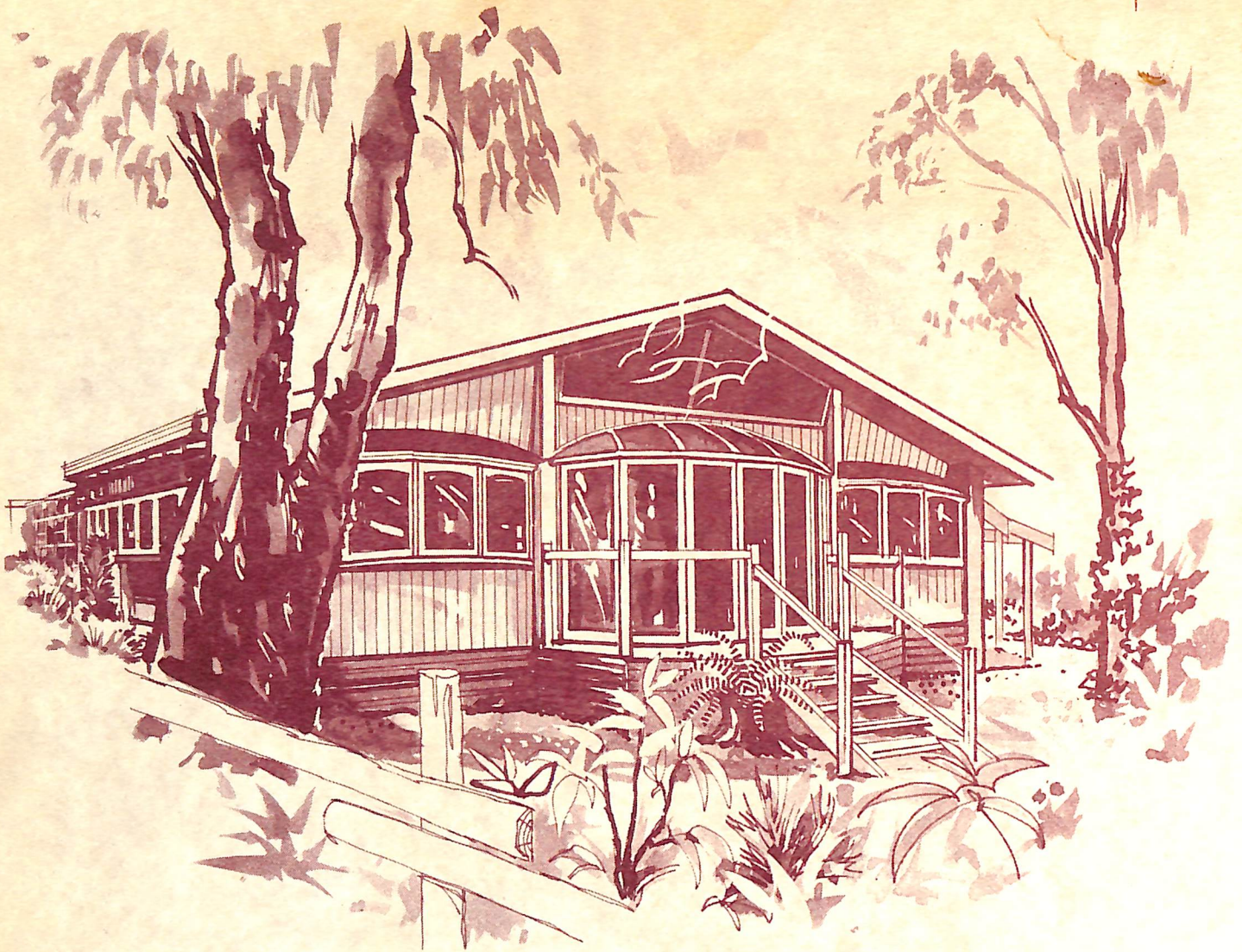


Relax outdoors with a rotunda pergola and conservatory.

History lives again . . . and it will be all yours!







***“MOONTA” is an extraordinary home with a quiet elevated location with treed and distant views.***

Never before have we had the chance to offer a property so individual and so uniquely “one of a kind”. The successful purchasers will be buying an irreplaceable piece of Melbourne’s history and taking a once in a lifetime opportunity to own an esoteric property that will be a talking point and envy of all their friends for years to come.

**ADDITIONAL FACTS:**

**CHATTELS** Distinctive imported Irish Tintawn carpeting, 2 heat banks, ornate light fittings, drapes, colonial style ceiling fan.

**FOUNDATIONS** Brick pillars and stumps — potential to move to another site if desired.

**LAND** 66ft. x 160ft. approximately.

**TITLE PARTICULARS** Vol. 5170, Folio 1033854.

**RATES (1982/83)** Council \$303.53, MMBW \$69.00.

**TERMS** 10% Deposit, Balance 60 days.

**SOLICITORS** Higgins, Teale & Co., 478 Albert Street, East Melbourne.

All the particulars given, although believed to be correct, are not guaranteed and interested parties should make their own enquiries and verify the details stated.



168 Exhibition St., Melb. East vic - just  
East vic - just north of Bowwick Rd.  
(662-1433)

Miss Holinger & Public Trustee's Office

"Holinger" (for like-sounding name) not in "Terny  
Creek" section of "Lands & McLogan Directory, 1969.

Shire of Sherbrooke - 754-2981

- No. 18 owned by resident (!).

- vice Rob. Office, phone 1/10/76.

Max Davis or Max Davis not under "Max" (Davis/Davies)  
pages phone book - 6/10/76.

Electoral Rolls (on 7/10/76) shows:

Holinger, Dorothy - School Rd,  
Terny Creek, 3786  
(Home Duties.)

AGE, Mon, 21/11/83.

FERNY CREEK - PI - 18  
School Road, six rms, land 0.1  
Ha. \$95,000 reserve \$120,000  
(R. G. Woodard with D. & S.  
Ham).  
PI - 18 School Road, tram-  
house, land 20.1 x 48.8, VP,  
\$95,000 reserve \$120,000 (R. G.  
Woodard with D. & S. Ham).

THIS DAY, AT 11.30  
AM  
ON THE PROPERTY  
"Charrawalla"  
School Road,  
FERNY CREEK  
TRAM HOUSE

Set on delightful old 0.1  
ha. (1/4 acre level gar-  
den of mature trees and  
shrubs, quaint old hills  
cottage comprising 3  
early tram cars, roofed  
over and arranged to  
provide additional cen-  
tral living area. Internal  
septic, mains water,  
light and phone. Con-  
siderable renovation  
and modernisation re-  
quired.  
Inspect through

W. MCGREGOR, RESI  
Main Rd., Sassafras.  
For appointment phone  
755 1717.  
AH 755 1485.  
J. Adams.

AGE,  
Sat.,  
7  
5  
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**DAVID H. HAM**  
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Main Road, Olinda 3788 and Main Road, Kalorama 3766  
Phone: 751-1655 or 728-1021 A.H.: 751-1528

Miss Holinger,  
18 School Rd., 755-1417  
Terny Creek (3 trams in  
house.)  
(Lower corner of Bowwick Rd.)

Rang Miss Holinger, Tues, 7-40 p.m. 24/8/76:-  
① She will devot the two big (single)  
Salon doors to us. I am to ring &  
arrange to collect (maybe next week).  
② She will probably wave out in about  
two weeks, but this has not yet been  
finalised. The house is to be sold as is,  
through "the Trustees" (she also mentioned  
"the Public Trustee"). I mentioned our  
thinking re if house to be demolished  
for a new building, & getting one of the  
cars out for eventual restoration.



Max Davies  
Electrical Contractor,  
Upwey

Tramcars Nos.  
Nos 1 - 5 - 6

My records show  
that cars 1, 5 & 6  
were sold to Mr  
Noel Richards for  
£10,000 each on  
2/18/31.

Made in Adelaide

'Phone No. "Not Available"  
at 8.15 p.m. on Wed 9/1/76.  
"1100" says cut off on 2/5/76.  
Mellunably 2/9/76.

Number 0. K. ...  
moving 4/9/76, 18  
arranged to

Rang 16/8/76

18 School Rd.,  
Ferry Creek

Lower corner of  
Bow View Rd.

Melway Map 75-B-3

755.1417

Miss Stella Hollinger  
collect  
the door  
same  
evening  
!!!

Will be leaving  
the house in  
three weeks,  
i.e., by 6/9/76.

Sunday 22/8/76  
after 10.00 a.m.

N. Richards to get - Feb - 30/4/79  
G 50 - 8/4/31  
H 54 - 28/4/79  
H 55 - 27/4/79

74 - 9/4/31. J  
91 - 9/4/31. B

# Fares please, for tram treat

Herald, Sat, By ROBYN DIXON 24/9/83.

If you are searching for a house which is different from anything else in the world, start thinking along tram lines.

The word unique tends to be overused in suburban real estate and it's almost a surprise when something billed as one of a kind lives up to its reputation.

But in Ferny Creek, three historic trams have been converted into a house that can accurately be called unique.

And owner Rolf Herweg plans to put the property on the market in November.

## EXCLUSIVE

The trams used are some of the first electric government-run trams, built around the turn of the century: Numbers 1, 5 and 6.

Mr Herweg said the tram-house was built in the thirties by a man who worked with the Tramways Board.

He bought the block in 1934 with a plan to set up holiday flats in three trams he had collected.

But he was refused permission by the shire because it was considered the tram plan would cheapen the exclusive area - and he instead

put the trams in a U-shape and created a house.

Soon after that a couple called Hollinger bought the property. Mrs Hollinger sold it to Rolf Herweg in 1977.

"It was so primitive that a lot of people wanted to buy the block, but the thing that put them off was saying 'How are we going to get those monsters off?'"

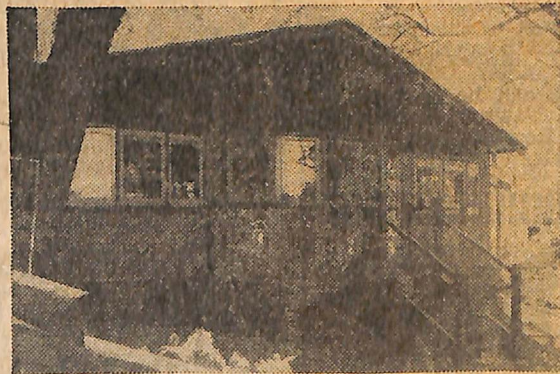
Mr Herweg, a fitter, re-designed the house and a friend helped with renovations.

Mr Herweg, born in Cologne, West Germany, said he had to stay in his room most of the time when he was young.

"So my brain was learning to dream things up, otherwise I would have become a nut, with no other outlet as a child than to dream things up."

The house is full of those dreams.

Between \$70,000 and \$80,000 was put into the house.



Imaginative use of three solid wooden trams has created a unique home.

It has a protruding circular entrance made of doors from an old church. Behind that is an entrance hall and timber spiral staircase leading to a reading alcove overlooking the main lounge.

## ANTIQUÉ

Pine lining on the sloping ceiling of the main lounge was left two years to darken.

The top section of the architrave of the door into the lounge is made from an antique barrel.

The windows of one tram form a bar in the lounge.

The tram-house has a

bathroom, with lush fur-covered seat, shower and separate lavatory in the driver's compartment.

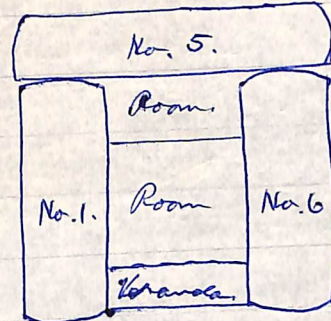
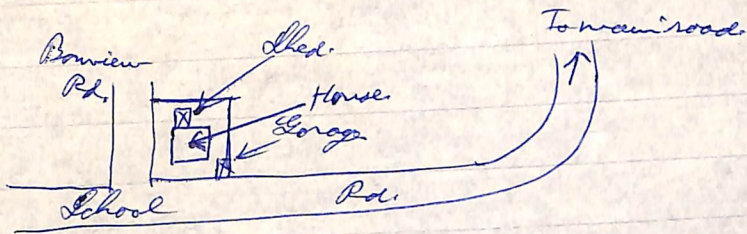
Mr Herweg, when he walks away from Ferny Creek, plans to head for Perth without anything more than a cheque-book.

"The reason I am leaving is not because I am fed up: I'm just bored because there is nothing left to do on the place."

The tram-house will be auctioned in mid-November by agent David Ham.

Inquiries can be made to Mr David Ham on 751-1655, 728-1021 and AH 751-1528.

# 18 School Road, Ferry Creek, lower corner of Bow View Rd.



These three tram car bodies sold to Mr. Noel Richards for £10,000 each on 2/18/1931.

(Melway Map 75-B-3).

occupied & presently owned by Miss Hollinger (755.1417), who will be moving out by about three weeks (i.e., by early Sept); & going to live at Kalbarra. Her family bought the house in 1936 & she has lived there since then. The floor in each saloon has been lowered by about 5" & a new floor built. Doors & seats have been used throughout the other rooms & shed at rear. Two other saloon doors (single type) stacked in large room have P.M.T.T. Manogram on them.

Ferry Creek  
Auction - School Rd.

Sat, 7/5/72

Agent:-  
Warwick McGregor,  
Upwey & Sassafras.

Colin ...



(Upwey)  
Dica Young Rang — to see Auction  
Board in house, for 7/5/77, by W. McGregor,  
Upwey + Lassafas.

11/5/77 — Rang Mr Drake — sold at Auction  
to two young chops; one from St. Helens; they  
propose living in it; one a renovator; we  
lived in area until a couple of years ago.

9/5/77 — Tony Cook says Sat night's Herald or Mirror  
Sun said it was sold for \$16,500.

— W. McGregor, Estate Agent, 755-1717:—

Public Trustee — 662-1433

Mr Drake (on leave).

Mr Armstrong — to ring me back on  
Fri, 7/1/77. Did not.

Mr Drake, 25/1/77:— will probably be  
auctioned mid-March. He will  
arrange soon with Agent. Suggest  
I ring him at end of February.

Mr Drake, 21/2/77:— still some legal  
points to be finalised. Should be done  
in about 3 weeks, whereupon Auction will  
be authorised. Board will be displayed  
for about 4 weeks; suggest late April for  
Auction; ring Mr Drake late March.

Mr Drake, 25/3/77:— Has just got the  
book today from Legal Dept. + will arrange  
Auction next week. Should have full  
details of Estate Agent's proposal in  
two to three weeks. I should ring  
him about Mon, 18/4/77 for details.  
Auction will be end of April or  
early May.



# Home built from trams

Around about 1910, Melbourne's tramway system was transformed with the introduction of electricity, and the first four-wheeler electric trams began to run through our inner-suburban streets.

Some 70 years have elapsed since those early Edwardian days, which no doubt bring nostalgic memories of their school days to those octogenarians still living.

Most of those trams have vanished into the dust of history. But not all! In the 1920s, trams Nos 1, 5 and 6 from this early era were pen-

sioned off to become hideaway hillside retreats in the Dandenongs.

Those particular three trams have not been allowed to rot away, but have been joined into a remarkable home at 18 School Road Ferny Creek.

They have been restored in meticulous detail, with all their original brasswork, solid oak frames, walnut panelling, and even em-

bellished in classical maroon and gold external livery.

Arranged in U-shape formation, they have been integrated as one dwelling, with an impressive central living area under high vaulted and arched timbers.

## Pergola

The resulting floor-plan also provides for a small sunroom opening through to a delightful rotunda style pergola with extensive brick paving for outdoor living.

There is also a delightful study, while the centre of one tram forms an exquisite dining room, with widened bar-styled window ledges through to the central living area, and well equipped kitchen nearby.

The centres of two other trams are used as two intriguing bedrooms, large enough to accommodate a double bed and fitted out with built in robes. The floor plan is completed by a cute bathroom plus separate shower and separate toilet.

## Spiral

There is also a walk through to an attached conservatory at the rear, while the wide curving entrance foyer has a spiral staircase winding up to a small mezzanine relaxation library area, which captures distant views across to the Cardinia Reservoir.

Purchasers of this property will buy an irreplaceable piece of Melbourne's history which will be a talking point and envy of their friends for years to come.

The house is built on land measuring 66' x 160' and has a foundation of brick pillars and stumps, which gives it the potential to be moved to another site.

It will be auctioned on Saturday November 19 at noon, and further inquiries should be directed to the agents, R. G. Woodard Pty Ltd of Camberwell, together with D. and S. Ham of Olinda. You can phone either David Caudery at Woodard's on 813 3333 or David Ham on 751 1655.

