

Statuary Declaration

For commissioners only

I Ronald Gordon White of unit 3 53 Eyre Street Echuca Victoria 3564 declare this Statuary Declaration concerning a phone call I received after sending in a submission opposing HCC plan change 9 heritage for 7 King Street Frankton.

I answered my phone to be told that I had been rude and I would not be allowed to give an oral submission.

I replied that he was the rude one. He said I would not be able to build over the creek.

As 7 King Street dose not have a creek he was talking to the wrong person. He continued saying I could not get out of it, only a change of govt. could do that.

He also added, The only hope I had was to appeal to the Environment Court to be held in Wellington.

This call came from Dr. Mark Davey Phd.



Signed Ronald Gordan White

Signature R.G White

BEFORE ME 28/4/2023



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MEMORY BOX



History
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Councils are only able to change heritage schedules and the provisions that apply to them if they undertake a review of the plan or notify a change to it.

At the end of the month Hamilton City Council will notify Plan Change 9, which will have immediate legal effect in regard to 182 new heritage items and 32 new heritage areas. Submissions will then be called for and owners and those with heritage concerns can put their views before the council.

While this work has been given added impetus by recent housing density legislation at a national level, it is also the case that HCC hasn't undertaken a major heritage review since the late 1990s. So it's an important moment for the city's heritage identification and protection efforts and the council's website is the place to head if you have an interest in the matter.

One of the buildings that is proposed for addition to the heritage schedule in the Hamilton District Plan is a distinctive house in Frankton's King St. I photographed it some years ago but then filed it away, not having any information about it at the time to share with readers.

Happily a \$6 historic certificate of title [CT] and a search of the relevant Deeds Index has brought some of the building's story to light. But before I relate what I have learned about the house, I thought I might put in a plug for the nation's Deeds Indexes that have been digitised and are available on the Archives New Zealand website.

Archives NZ's website was revamped a few months back and is no longer called 'Archway'.

Using this address - <https://collections.archives.govt.nz/web/arena#/> - you'll be taken to a search page into which you can enter a term such as 'deeds index Waikato'. In order to know what volume you are looking for amongst the five on offer, you need to have a specific deeds reference taken from a CT. In the case of the King St house, the reference 'DI 4W/275' appears in the top left corner of the CT; meaning that you are after page 275 of Deeds Index

volume 4 for the Waikato. If the title for a property has not been issued until the 1920s or 1930s there's a good chance that you need to consult the Deeds Index to find out who owned the land when the building was erected.

In the case of the King St property the land was transferred from Jolly to Hodder

in April 1918. The first CT was later issued to William George Hodder, a local carrier, in 1931. William and Robina (nee Gardner) Hodder were in residence in King St by 1914, according to the electoral rolls that can be sourced via an Ancestry subscription, and their daughter Thelma (born 1900) was offering piano lessons from

the family home in August 1918. Judging from the street directories the Hodders, who were members of the local Anglican church, lived further south along King St before building a new home on the subject site in 1923; by which time the youngest of their six children was seven. The house remained in Hodder family ownership

until 1936, two years after William (1870-1934) had died.

The King St house is a reminder of the predominant residential character of the street before it became largely light industrial in use. The nearby Presbyterian church, which I wrote about on this page about ten years ago, has also been

proposed for scheduling as a heritage item. Whether or not either or both buildings will ultimately be scheduled will depend on the outcome of the plan change process and the extent to which the evidence of heritage significance and support for protection is deemed to outweigh any reservations or opposition to the proposal.

A tale worth telling



KING ST RESIDENCE IN FRANKTON