

## 2.2.4 Macarthur Parade HCA (GML Map Reference 4DH)

### Description

A group of single-storey roughcast rendered Californian Bungalows on the western side of Macarthur Parade between Marrickville Road and Beach Road. The group includes the Dulwich Hill Baptist Church (No. 3).

The properties generally display asymmetrical façades with open porches. High and large roof planes with multiple gables and decorative joinery in gable ends. Some houses retain leadlight windows, with joinery and large piers supporting porch roofs.

The houses occupy large lots with houses with consistent setbacks from the street behind brick fences with large front gardens. Properties feature side driveways.

13 – roughcast rendered and painted

11 - roughcast rendered and painted. Shingles base to bay window left of porch and front door.

9 – Roughcast rendered and painted, original leadlight windows in front bay window, large front porch.

7 – Roughcast rendered and painted. Curvilinear Art Deco addition at northwest former of house with painted rendered wall and double sash hung windows.

3 – Dulwich Hill Baptist Church constructed in 1925.



## Representative Photos



7 Macarthur Pd



9 Macarthur Pd



11 Macarthur Pd



13 Macarthur Pd

## History

The study area comprises land in the Sefton Hall Estate. Sefton Hall Estate was advertised for auction sale on 16 May 1914 including Sefton Hall (Lot 7), corner of Macarthur Parade and Marrickville Road, and Chadston (lot 9) corner of Marrickville Road and Fairfowl Street to the north. Sefton Hall was the property of Henry Marcus Clark (1859–1913) the owner of the famous Sydney department store chain. Sefton Hall was

named after the village of Sefton in Lancashire, England where he had grown up. The family moved to Dulwich Hill in 1890. Sefton Hall was the first Sydney house to have a private swimming pool which is shown on lot 5 of the subdivision plan.

Henry Marcus Clark passed away on 14 March 1913 at his Mt Wilson residence. His estate was sworn for probate at £372, 658 14s 3d.

The Dulwich Hill property passed by transmission in December 1913 to Roland Cuthbert Clark of Dulwich Hill, clerk. He simultaneously transferred same to Joseph War Airey of Strathfield, draper, Reginald Marcus Clark of Dulwich Hill, draper, and William Edward Day of Marrickville, clerk. They subdivided the property as DP 7767, forming 6 allotments in Macarthur Parade; Sefton Hall was located on Lot 7.

The Sydney Morning Herald reported on 18 May 1914 that *'The lawns of Sefton Hall were availed of to accommodate the remarkable attendance of over 500 people which marked the auction of Sefton Hall, Dulwich Hill Subdivision. From the commencement bidding was brisk...The six residential sites [sold] from £5 15s to £7 15s per foot.'* According to the land title lots 3 and 5 were transferred in February 1915 and lots 1, 4 and 6 in 1919. The Dulwich Hill Baptist Church, 'a fine new brick church' was built on Lot 6 in 1925 at a cost of £1500 including furnishing and replaced the earlier building on the site.

By 1920-1922, all of the allotments in the Sefton Hall Estate are built upon excepting Lot 6, the present site of the Baptist Church.

## Assessment

This is a finely detailed and consistent group of highly intact Californian Bungalows built between 1916 and 1920. The properties originate from the Sefton Hall estate and have been generally well maintained. They appear to have aesthetic and representative value

It is recommended that Nos. 7 to 13 Macarthur Parade are pursued for group listing. A group listing would provide additional statutory protections than would be achieved through an HCA.

It is also recommended to investigate the individual heritage listing of 3 Macarthur Parade, the Dulwich Hill Baptist Church. The church, while originating from the same estate, displays different values and would have inherent local historic and social significance.