**24 BORONIA AVENUE, CHELTENHAM (“Walemea” prev. “Wolobrai”)**

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Lot 1 DP 391071

**Hornsby Shire Council details**

**Heritage Register: Item No. 269**

“Wolobrai” is an aboriginal word which means "stony."

A Federation bungalow built in 1902 by Albert Wachsmann for leasing.

In late 1902 the house was advertised to let, described as follows:

CHELTENHAM. - New Brick COTTAGE, 5 large rooms, kitchen, every modern convenience, large verandah, city water, acre land, garden laid out, 5 min. from station.

WACHSMANN, Murray-road.

It was firstly occupied by the Quodling family.

*[Robert Alfred Quodling married Emily/Emilie Gould in 1897, at Mosman]*

In December 1905 a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Quodling at “Wolobrai.”

By 1909 the Quodling family had moved to Copeland-road, Beecroft, the house also named “Wolobrai,” where Emilie (‘Chickie’) died, aged 34 years.

That year Robert was suffering very severely from appendicitis, for which he was successfully operated on.

Sands Directories 1915-1926 – Robert Barbour “Waiemea”; 1930-1931 G. L. Evers “Waimea”; 1932/3 – B. A. Triebel “Waimea”

Electoral Roll 1933: Louis Triebel No. 24

The house was then occupied by Robert Barbour (civil servant) and his wife Agnes Violet Reid Barbour.

*[Robert Barbour married Agnes V. R. McKenzie 1900, at Burwood]*

The house was renamed “Waimea.”

By 1920 Robert Barbour was the club secretary of the Cheltenham [Recreation] Club, and was a long-standing member of the Masonic order.

Robert and Agnes were still living at “Waimea” in 1926.

By 1930 the house had been rented out to G. L. Eves. In late 1930 the house was again up for let, and described as follows:

CHELTENHAM. - Superior COTTAGE Waimea, Boronia-avenue, with acre of land, large lawn garden, 5 rooms, kitchen, offices, electric light, city water, garage, Rent 30/-. Key opposite.

The house was then occupied by Louis Augustus Triebel (schoolmaster) and his wife Jessie.

By 1937 the occupants were: Allen Flitton (litho artist), and Kathleen Clair Flitton

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