Fairbridge Settlement Catalogue

Section 6 – Canary Cottage (Jean Magill)

Canary Cottage was the 6th Cottage to be built at Fairbridge. Plans were drawn up on the 26th May, 1938 and Canary Cottage was completed early 1939. Canary Cottage had three attic type air vents on the roof. Making Canary completely different in look than any other cottage built at Fairbridge. Like Blue, Green, Lilac and Red Cottages, below the roof line all these cottages were the same in every other way. All having a door from the cottage mothers quarters to the front verandah. Canary cottage was always surrounded by trees so there are very few full photos of Canary one the gardens and trees were established.

Mrs P O'Brien was the first cottage mother of Canary Cottage.

Canary cottage is now located on a property at Garra just outside Molong. There have been very few changes made to Canary cottage except the dormitory has been converted into two bedrooms and an office. The original back porch has been shortened to allow the three windows in the kitchen to be exposed to the outside. When the cottage was being relocated to Garra a small tin was found inside the wall lining and inside the tin was a small piece of timber with C.T Cantrell 11/11/1938 written on it. Mr Cantrell was a carpenter who worked for Crossmans & sons the builders of Canary cottage.

Figure 1 Canary Cottage almost complete on opening Day, Green Cottage to the left. 24th November, 1938.

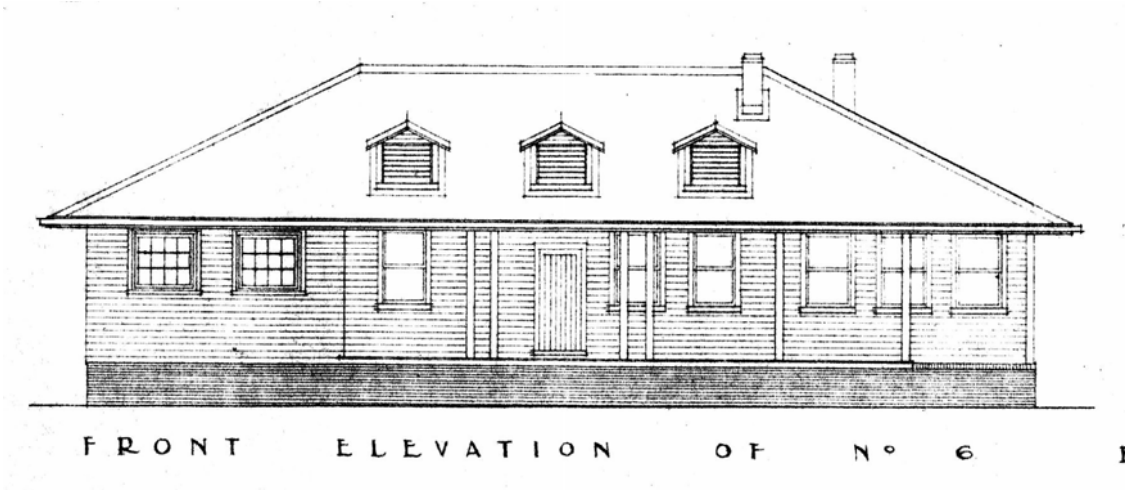

Figure 2 Front Elevation Canary Cottage. 1937.

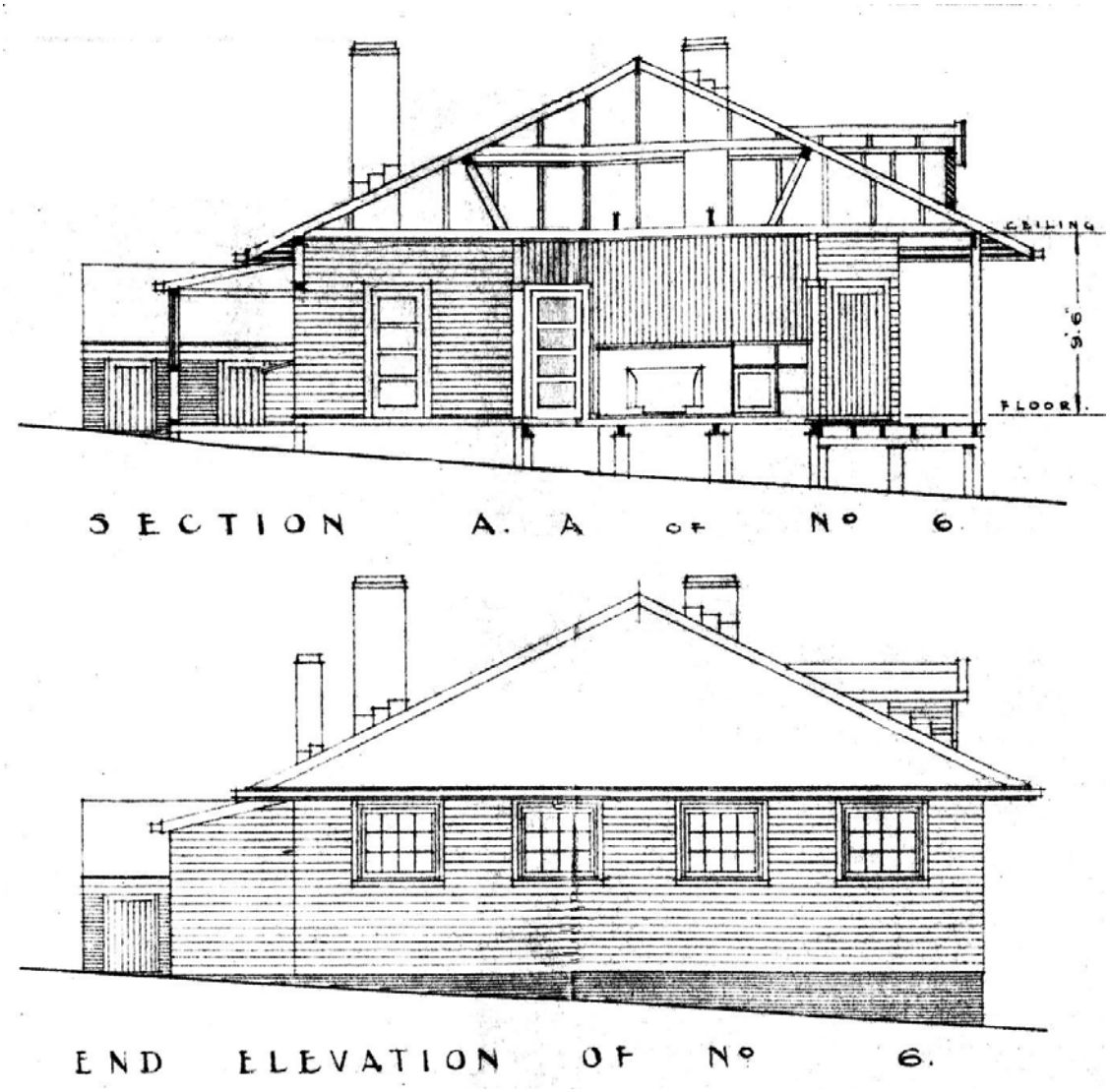

Figure 3 Side Elevation of Canary Cottage 1937.

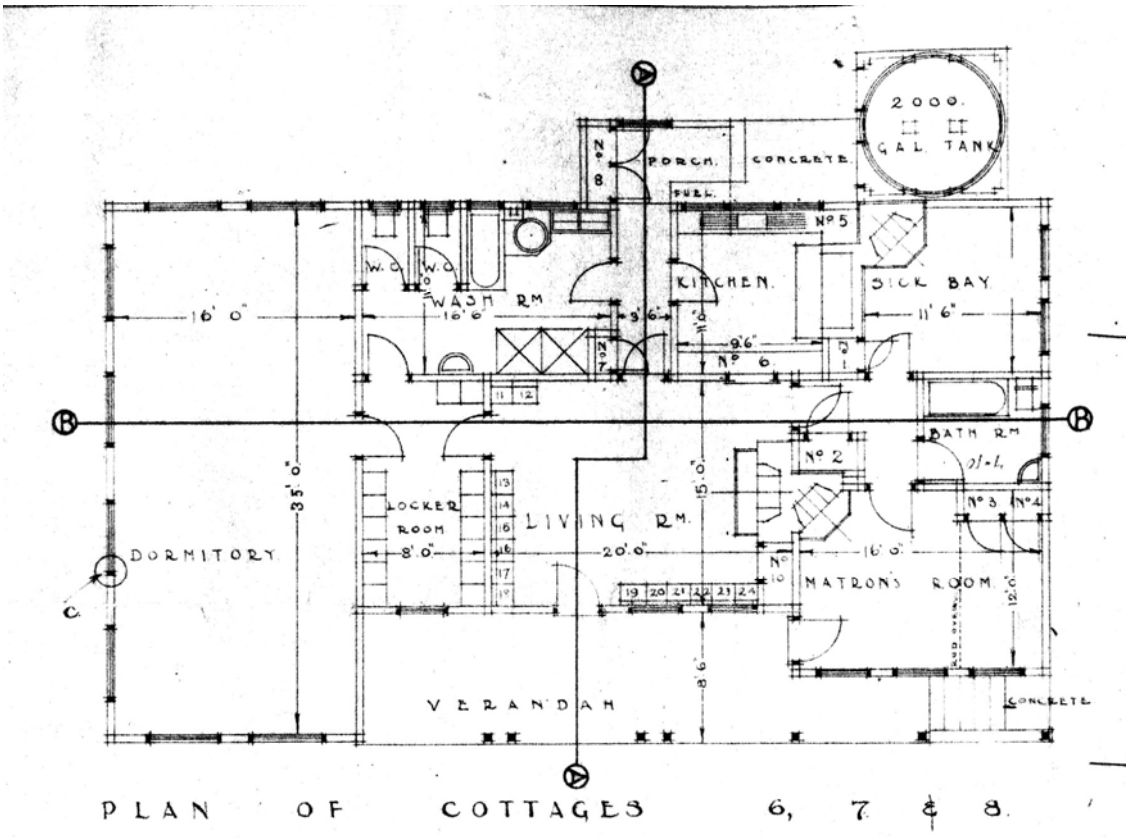

Figure 4 Floor Plan for Canary Cottage. 1837.

Allan Broch, Geoffery Bowyer, Jimmy Young, John Berry, Terry Barber, Peter Carol, Eddie Baker, Frank Ward, Colin Harris, Arthur Novis and Mrs Beverage Canary Cottage.

Figure 5 Canary Cottage Front Veranda, c. 1950.

Figure 6 Front View of Canary Cottage in Present Location at Garra .6/3/2006.

Figure 7 Canary Cottage Present Location, Rear View. c. 2004.

Figure 8 Canary Cottage Foundation Wall, 3/1/2006.

Figure 9 Canary Cottage Garden Wall. 3/1/2006.