

2011-01-19 PHOTO'S AND BRIEF REPORT HOUSE NUMBER ONE; CNR WETSFORD AND SOUTH BOUNDARY RD, ROBBEN ISLAND.

The house dates from ca 1940 and is architecturally unique and distinct from the other WWII houses erected at about the same time. It is large and separated from the main compounds by having been built on the outer edge of the old area known as Irish Town. All window frames are wood – Meranti- on the original structure. The prisons later used a varnish with a tint on the wood. The original verandah window frame still has its original clear varnish finish because it was enclosed and not subject to the extreme weather on this side of the island. The verandah was enclosed later with SA Pine being used for the window frames. The verandah frames are in very poor condition and some sections will need to be replaced. The verandah roof is precast concrete. The waterproof bitumen cladding will need to be replaced. Asbestos roof, gutters, downpipes, water tanks. Braai at back built during later prison period – 1980's. Vibracrete fence in very poor condition. The house faces the weather on the SE tip of the island, which means throughout the year from the SE in summer and the NW in winter. Floors are Oregon pine.



NE CORNER



MAIN ENTRANCE FACING EAST



INTERIOR WINDOW AND PELMET ADDED LATER FROM SA PINE



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ORIGINAL EXTERIOR WINDOW NOW ENCLOSED IN VERANDAH USED
AS HISTORICAL REFERENCE POINT