

This brochure assists residents proposing work to Federation style houses and who wish to retain important heritage features. Excellent examples of Federation houses can be found in the Manly area, dating from the early twentieth century.

The style marks the emergence of a distinctive Australian architectural style, coinciding with the country's federation. The Federation home is considered to be uniquely Australian in design expressing patriotic undertones and reflecting a newfound national pride.

Manly's built heritage contributes to creating a strong sense of place and is an important link to the past. The eclectic styles and details found here were influenced by international trends in architecture and lifestyle and finished with local details.

Manly Council encourages residents to take an active interest in conserving their rich built heritage.

In Federation houses, some important details are:

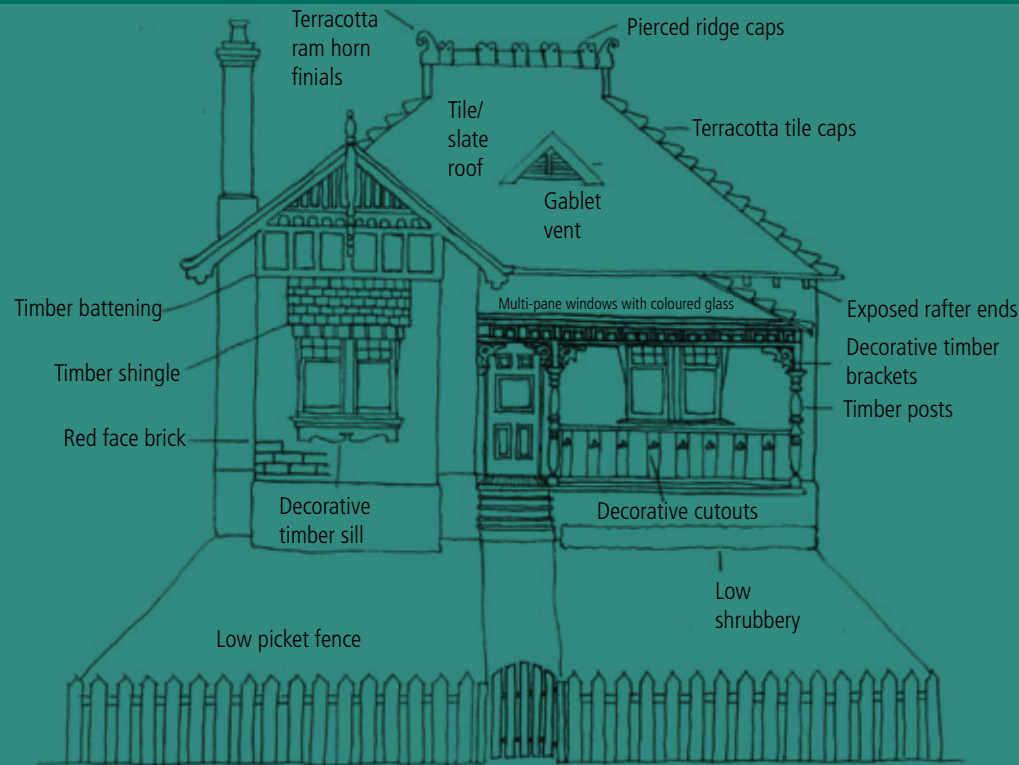
### WALL & ROOF FINISHES

Federation homes are usually tuck-pointed brick with cement joinery but timber, rough stone and metal are sometimes found. Materials often used for architectural features like turrets, gables and verandas are

### ALTERATIONS & ADDITIONS

Council staff can advise on relevant guidelines, codes and application processes before plans are finalised. It is important to consult Council early if your property is heritage listed. High quality, well-designed and sympathetic alterations and additions will enhance a property greatly.

Careful analysis of existing features and character of a property and an understanding of significant details will ensure that alterations are sympathetic to the existing building. General character should be respected but exact replication of heritage details is not essential.



timber boards, shingles and rough cast.

Federation homes are known for their often exuberant timber ornamental decorations. Friezes fretwork, balustrades, art nouveau-style swirled brackets and arch supports are all common.

Roofs are generally terracotta Marseille tiles with capped ridges. Earlier homes are often slate with terracotta capping along ridges. Terracotta finials are common. A continuous roof usually covers the veranda, although sometimes with a change of pitch.

Using appropriate colour for the house or trim not painting original brickwork and respecting the existing roofline are some basic considerations for sympathetic alterations.

### WINDOWS & DOORS

Windows are generally timber framed and come in a variety of shapes and sizes: round, rectangular multi-paned in a cantilevered bay, and often have coloured glass lead lights.

Complementing or repeating existing window finishes, proportions and groupings are important considerations in new designs.

### Streetscape & Parking

The impact of renovations and additions on the streetscape and on adjacent heritage items must be considered, particularly when second storeys or façade changes are proposed. Second storeys should be in proportion to existing building and should have some details that relate to the existing architectural style of

the house to draw them together. The house should relate to adjacent houses by maintaining consistency in features like bulk, roofline, building line and fencing.

Parking at the rear, side or on the street is preferred if possible. Carports or garages, if necessary, should be designed to minimise impact on the character of the house and quality of the streetscape.

### OUTDOORS

Characteristic landscape features of this style are:

- low fences of wooden pickets or brick walls with wrought iron or chain links
- grass lawns edged with flower beds and shrubbery
- fast growing palms and shrubbery
- lattice work fernery in backyard.



## BACKGROUND

Australian Federation in 1901 coincided with the end of a depression of the mid-1890s and the beginning of a building boom. Improvements in transport encouraged the development of increasingly far-flung suburbs with their own village centres. Federation-era houses express all the hopes and dreams of the fledgling nation in architectural form. They show an emerging national self-confidence and interest in native Australian fauna and flora through decorative motifs depicting Australian themes. Elaborate decorative touches illustrate the growing wealth of the population as the depression subsides.



BUILDING STYLES IN MANLY



Addition to rear allows original bungalow style to be maintained at street front.

Original building



Modern style fence still relates to characteristic style

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Manly Council:

- Manly Council Planning Staff
- Manly Library Local Studies Librarian
- Website:  
[www.manly.nsw.gov.au/heritage](http://www.manly.nsw.gov.au/heritage)

## EXAMPLES IN THE MANLY AREA:

- Pittwater Road
- Darley Road

Note: Private buildings are not open for inspection and can be viewed from the street only

# Federation Style

Often considered the first truly Australian architecture, Federation is in fact influenced by international styles including the free-spirited Queen Anne style, the more sober Arts & Crafts movement and the decorative touches of Art Nouveau.

In Manly, Federation homes can be found in many forms from the simple worker's cottage or pair of semis, such as those in and around Pittwater Road, with a few decorative touches, to the grander Federation manor houses of the wealthy found in south western Manly and towards Fairlight.

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