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Jack Hargrave
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John Harrison Osborne Hargrave (1899-1964) was born 24 July 1899 at South Perth, son of Henry William Hargrave (1859-1925) and Clara Hannah Osbourne, who married at St Alban's Church, Perth in 1897. The Hargraves had a stillborn son at Geraldton in 1898, thus the birth of 'Jack' in 1899 and further children Thelma Jean ('Jill') in 1900, and Rupert William Edison in 1902 were precious events. Unfortunately further tragedy struck when Clara died in 1904. Henry then married Clara's sister Edith Emily Osbourne in 1905.

The work of Henry Hargrave, a prominent civil engineer in Perth, had a strong effect on the direction of his eldest son. Amongst many career projects, in 1910 Henry produced a visionary scheme for a 'South Swan Railway' marketed by Peet & Co, with the proposed railway linking Fremantle to Midland via Canning Bridge and Burswood. In 1915 Henry took second prize behind architect Harold Desbrowe-Anneer (1865-1933) with a master plan for the new University of Western Australia (UWA) campus at Crawley.

Jack attended Perth High School, and it is possible that he then undertook his initial architectural training within his father's office, whilst also studying at UWA. In the November 1922 UWA annual examinations he achieved passes in Mathematics 1 and Surveying 1, and in the February 1924 supplementary exams gained passed in Hydraulics and Heat Engines. Jack Hargrave registered with the Architects Board of WA in May 1924 (no.98), and his earliest advertisements describe him as an 'architect and engineering surveyor'. Jack was prolific with residential work in the late 1920s and 1930s, but with his engineering credentials, was also successful with a number of public facilities including a pavilion at South Perth Tennis Club (1926); a timber grandstand at the Northam Show Ground (1928); and a grandstand at Collie (1936). Built in late 1934 and opened in early 1935, the Association Stand (renamed McGibbon in 1936) that Hargrave designed for Kings Park Lawn Tennis Club, West Perth complements an earlier grandstand of 1925 by Eales and Cohen. Hargrave passed examinations in May 1936 and qualified as an Associate of the Royal British Institute of Architects, along with G.W. (Wyndham) Wright (1900-1976).

In mid-1936 Hargrave acted in association with established architect Jack Ochiltree (1870-1954) on a project at Fremantle, and at the end of that year they entered into partnership as Ochiltree & Hargrave with offices in T & G Chambers, inviting tenders for the erection of a brick residence in George Street, Pinjarra for W.E.C. McLarty. Following projects included a brick warehouse at Hay Street, on the east side of Elder Street, Perth in 1937; a branch of the Bank of Australasia at High Street, Fremantle in 1938. The design influence of Hargrave is evident in the firm's two acclaimed Perth buildings in the Inter-War Art Deco style - the fine church for the First Church of Christ, Scientist, at Elder Street of 1938, and the St John Ambulance Building at Wellington Street of 1939.

Living at 7 Onslow Street South Perth (probably his design) from 1930-1940s, Hargrave served in the Australian Army during the Second World War from 1942, and was discharged in 1946. With building austerity following the onset of the Second World War, and having achieved seventy-five years by the end of the conflict, Ochiltree stepped back and left Hargrave to direct and continue the work of the practice. In 1953, Hargrave took on another partner, Raymond Frank Moran (1922-), with the firm styled Ochiltree Hargrave & Moran. Moran had served articles with F.G.B. Hawkins (1885-1956) in the period 1939-1941 before war service 1942-1945, then joining the Public Works Department.

Hargrave travelled to Sydney for the fourth Australian Architectural Convention in May 1954, absorbing presentations from a number of eminent architects, including the renowned Professor Walter Gropius, one of the pioneering masters of modern architecture. In 1955 the firm designed new premises for the Claremont Yacht Club, which Ray Moran recalls were built in stages, with the first part constructed over the top of the existing clubhouse, allowing the club to continue to trade.

One of the earlier locally-born architects to practice in WA, Jack Hargrave died at Claremont 13 December 1964, aged 65 years. Hargrave had married Kathleen Winifred Jean Ripper in September 1929 at Christ Church, Claremont. The couple did not have children. Kath Hargrave survived him, passing away at Nedlands in July 1981, aged 78. Ray Moran continued the practice until the

late 1960s, for a period in the mid-1960s with James William Hawkins (1920-1983) as Hargrave, Moran & Hawkins.

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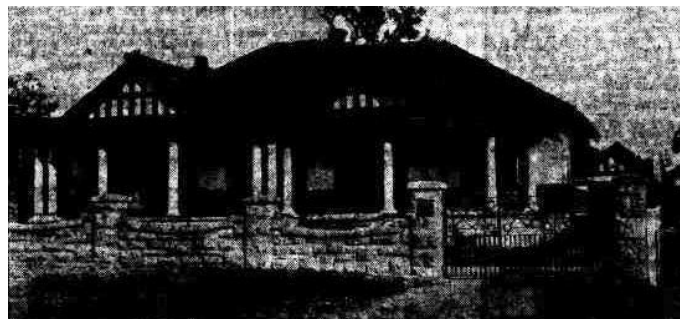
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Residence for dentist H.B. Summers at 25 Birdwood Parade Dalkeith, now with an upper floor (*The West Australian*, 4 February 1928, p.4; Google 2013).



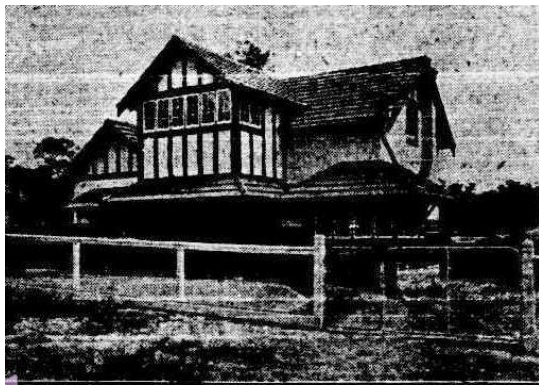
A residence built for A.B. Clancy at 31 Birdwood Parade Nedlands [Dalkeith] has been demolished (*The West Australian*, 5 May 1928, p.4).



The Cottesloe limestone plinth, gable treatments and the Doric verandah columns on the residence built for J.D. Dobson at 8 Braeside Road Mount Lawley parallel the design of the Clancy Residence (*The West Australian*, 29 September 1928, p.4; Google 2013).



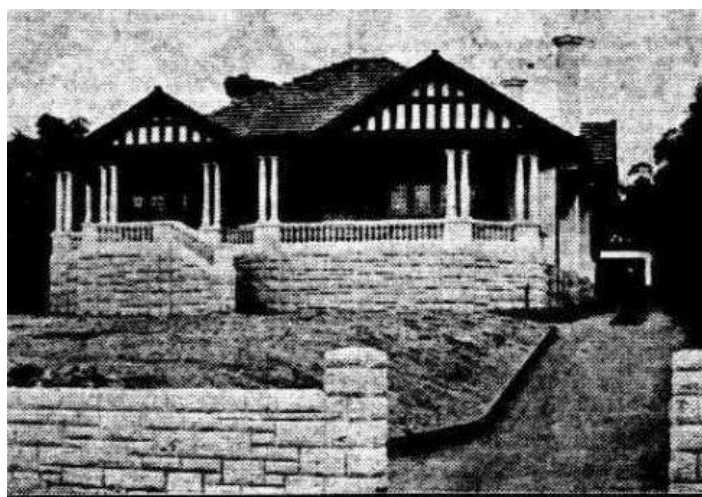
Percy Stanton Residence at 96 Thomas Street Nedlands, built in 1929 (Google 2013).



Brick residence, in attic, recently erected in The Avenue, Nedlands, for Mr. F. J. Hyde, so designed that full advantage may be taken of the splendid views of the Swan River. Mr. J. H. O. Hargrave was the architect.

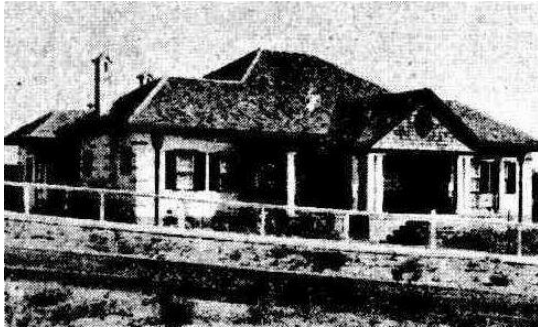


The F.J. Hyde Residence at 71 The Avenue Nedlands has been extended over time (*The West Australian*, 19 October 1929, p.22; Google 2013).



Residence of Mr. T. C. Villiers, in Mount's Bay-road, Crawley, which was recently completed at a cost of £3,250. The architect was Mr. J. H. O. Hargrave.

Demolished for unit development, the Villiers Residence was at 22 Mounts Bay Road, Crawley (*The West Australian*, 30 November 1929, p.11).

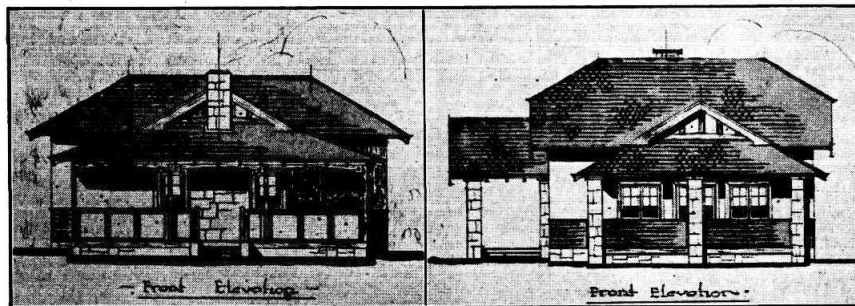


Freedman Residence, corner of Inverness and Melrose Crescents in Mount Lawley (*The West Australian*, 7 March 1931, p.6; Google 2013).



The house Hargrave designed at 9 Birdwood Parade, Dalkeith has great similarity to the Freedman Residence of a few years previous (*The West Australian*, 8 December 1934, p.5; Molyneux, Ian, *Looking Around Perth*, p.54).

CITY BEACH BUNGLOW COMPETITION.

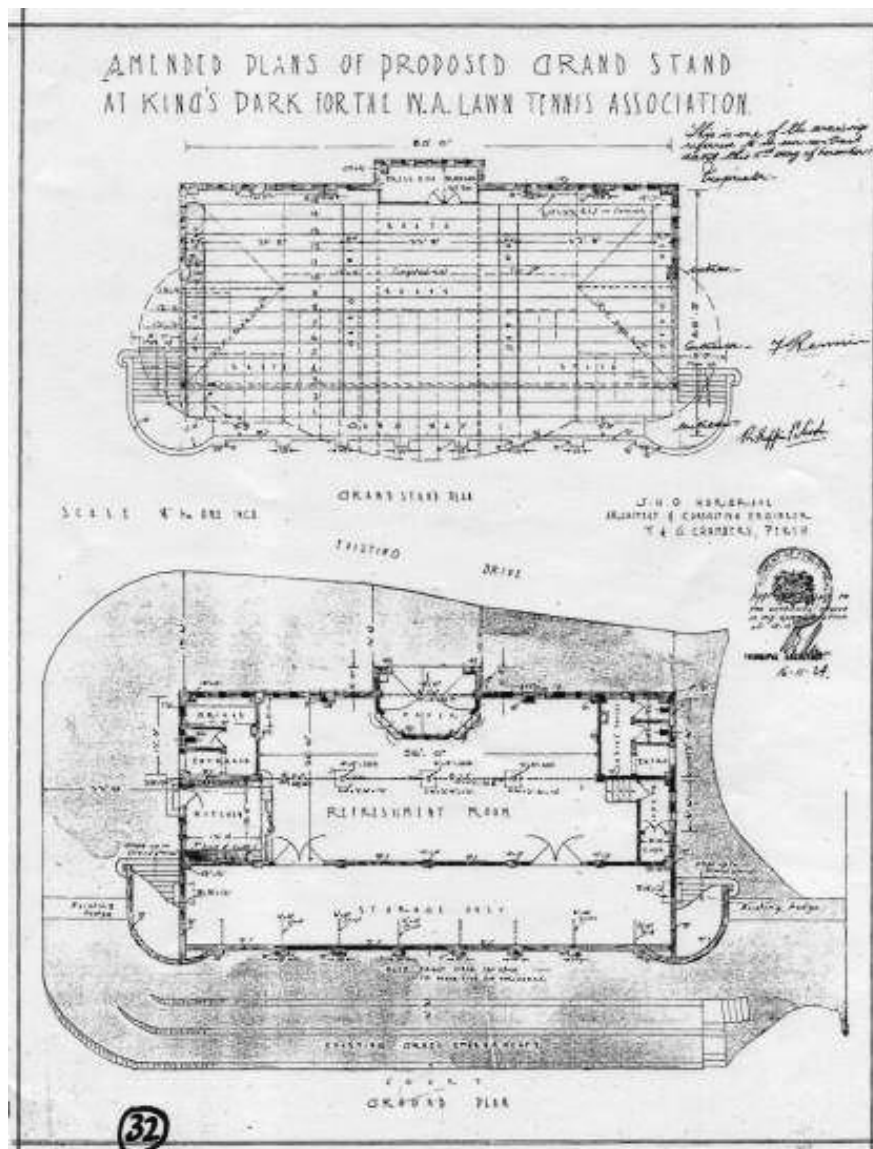


Winning entries in the Perth City Council's competition for designs for bungalows suitable for erection on the No. 3 Subdivision, at the end of the plank road, City Beach Estate. The design on the left, it is estimated, would cost under £250, and that on the right, under £500. The designer in each case was Mr. J. H. O. Hargrave.

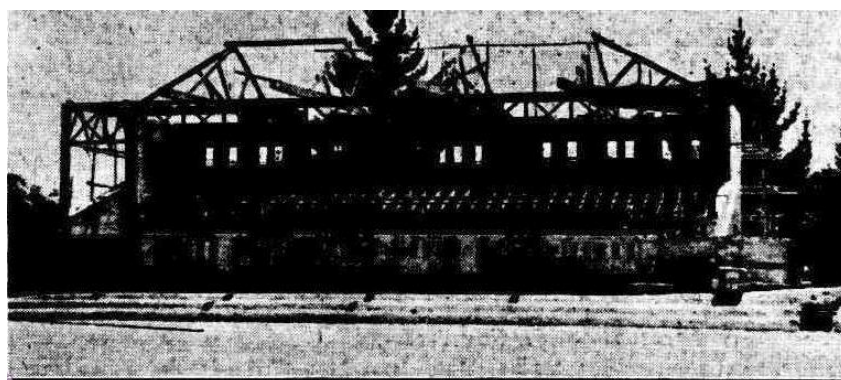
City Beach bungalow designs (*The West Australian*, 13 December 1932, p.12).



Miling Hotel, built in 1934 (<http://lightandsound.net.au/rennieweb/11.5FrancisHenryRennie.htm>; http://www.flickr.com/photos/the_grateful_dad/2578445652/)

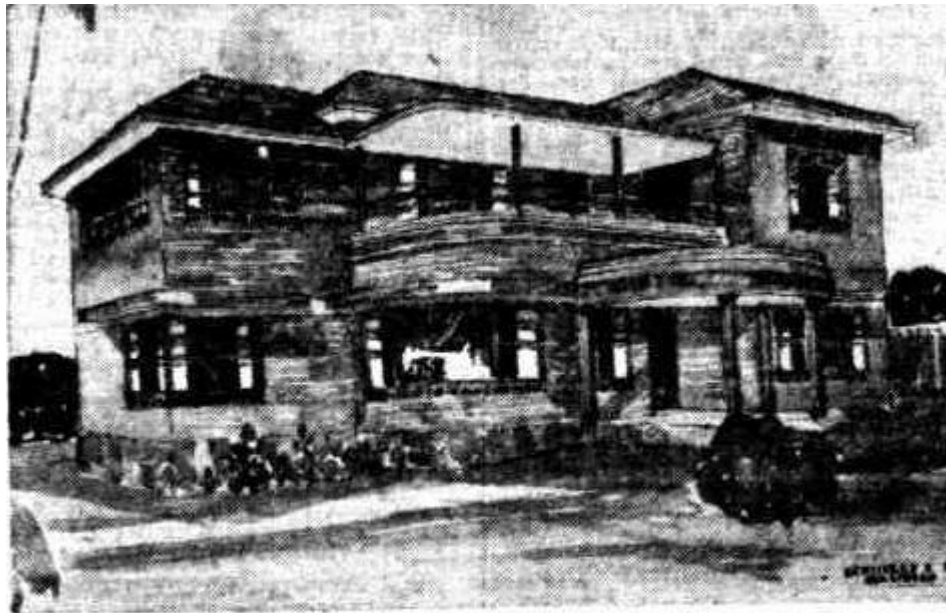


A Hargrave drawing for the Association Stand at [Royal] King's Park Lawn Tennis Club (Graeme and Lindsay Cox, *The McGibbon Years*, p.63).



Work is progressing on the new grandstand being erected by the West Australian Lawn Tennis Association at the King's Park Club's courts. The stand will be required at the end of January when several international matches will be played on the courts.

The Association (later McGibbon) Stand under construction at Royal King's Park Tennis Club. This grandstand and the Miling Hotel may have been built by young contractor Frank Rennie. (*The West Australian*, 13 December 1934, p.22).

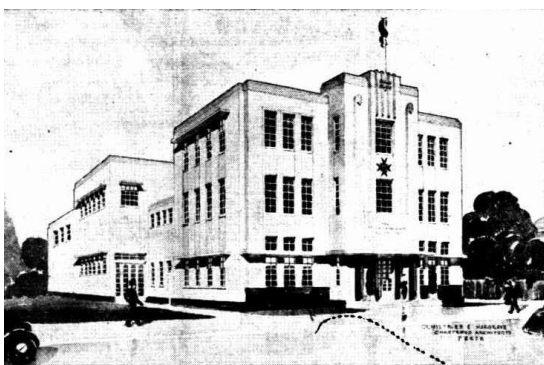


Perspective drawing of a ten-room two-storey coloured brick residence to be erected in King's Park-avenue, Crawley, for Mrs. S. E. Green. The architects are Messrs. Ochiltree and Hargrave.

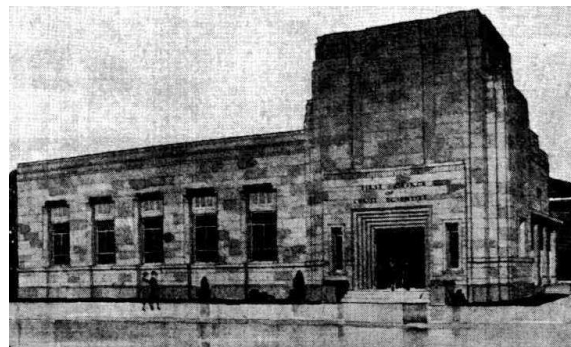
Demolished for unit development, the S.E. Green Residence was at Park Avenue in Crawley (*The West Australian*, 3 July 1937, p.4).



West End Mansions Hay Street, West Perth. The oval shaped gable ventilator appears in a number of Hargrave's 1930s projects (*The West Australian*, 2 March 1935, p.8; Google 2013).



Perspective of proposed three-storey premises to be erected in Wellington-street, near Pier-street, for the St. John Ambulance Association. The architects are Messrs. Ochiltree and Hargrave.



Perspective drawing of the church to be erected in St. George's-place, opposite the Public Works Department, Perth, for the First Church of Christ Scientist. The successful tenderer was A. T. Brine and Sons, Ltd., at £9,726. The demolition of the existing building is in progress. The architects are Messrs. Ochiltree and Hargrave.

St John Ambulance Building Wellington Street, Perth; First Church of Christ Scientist, Elder St Perth (*The West Australian*, 28 May 1938, p.8; 5 November 1938, p.8).