Colonel Light Gardens: Model Garden Suburb reprinted

Colonel Light Gardens: model garden suburb by Christine Garnaut was first published in 1999 by Crossing Press, Sydney. Due to demand, especially in the local area, it has been reprinted with a new Introduction which updates information about the suburb’s heritage listing and its status as a State Heritage Area.

Based on Christine Garnaut’s PhD thesis, the book introduces the suburb’s designer, Charles Reade (1880-1933), explains the origin of the plan and outlines the garden city principles on which it was laid out. It describes the development of the suburb, including the purpose and effect of the Thousand Homes Scheme that commenced in 1924, and provides an overview of the architectural plans, style and features of the privately as well as state-built houses and gardens. It remains the only history of the suburb and one of the few books devoted to the story of a planned Australian garden suburb.

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