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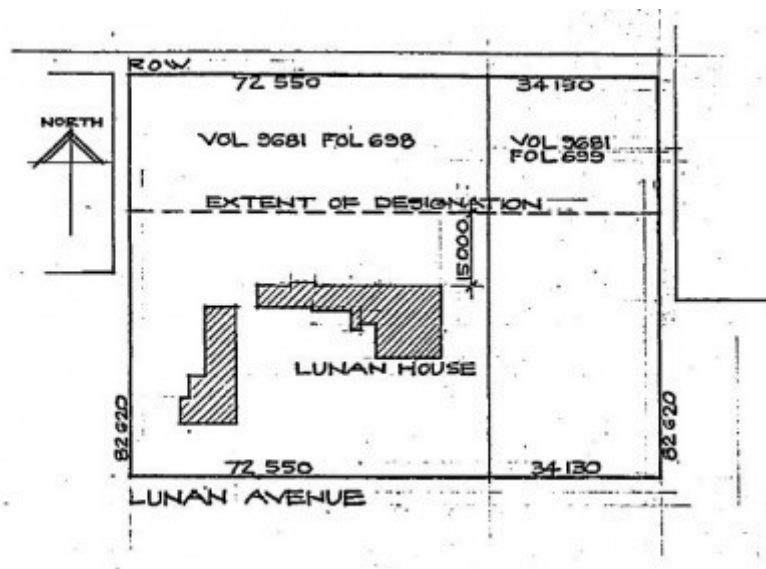
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lunan house geelong west side view of wing jul1984



lunan house lunan avenue drumcondra front view



Lunan House plan

Location

24 LUNAN AVENUE DRUMCONDRA, Greater Geelong City

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0673

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO194

VHR Registration

August 20, 1982

Amendment to Registration

August 21, 1985

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - July 29, 1999

Lunan House on the Drumcondra shores of Corio Bay, Geelong, was built for James Strahan, a pioneer woolbroker in 1849-50. Charles Laing, architect and surveyor, designed this spacious two storey colonial Georgian style residence as an axial composition with central Doric portico, Georgian casement sashes and simple parapet cornice. Barrabool freestone was used as ashlar cladding on a rubble stone carcass. In the 19th century ornate iron gates fronted the sweeping driveway entrance.

Lunan House was named after the Muir of Lunan near Montrose, Scotland, the birthplace of James Strahan. This substantial early mansion house is a notable work of architect Charles Laing and a very early example of the use of Barrabool sandstone for ashlar construction. James Strahan was one of Geelong's first settlers and most distinguished citizens, being a member of Victoria's first legislative council in 1851 and prominent in public issues until his death in 1875. The iron gates are now located at Geelong Grammar School.

Lunan House was for many years used as a teacher's college by the education department of Victoria. The interior has been completely rearranged, the original details altered and the exterior freestone fabric inappropriately painted. The essential detail is intact.

[Source: Historic Buildings Council]

Construction dates 1849,
Architect/Designer Laing, Charles,
Heritage Act Categories Heritage place,
Hermes Number 546
Property Number

Extent of Registration

AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 673

Lunan House, Lunan Avenue, Drumcondra

to the extent of all the buildings including the prefabricated iron classroom and all of the land in Volume 9681, Folio 698 but excluding the land and buildings north of a line drawn east west across the site 15 metres north of the northern elevation of Lunan House.

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G50 23 December 1987 p. 3495]

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