
4 Henry Street



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Location

4 HENRY STREET FITZROY, YARRA CITY

Municipality

YARRA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO422

Heritage Listing

Yarra City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - July 6, 2023

What is significant?

The property at 4 Henry Street, Fitzroy, which is believed to date from 1858, is a single-storey double-fronted brick and bluestone cottage, with a transverse gable roof form clad with slate and corniced brick chimneys to both side gable peaks. The cottage has a bluestone facing to Henry Street, patterned in ashlar basalt; on the west side of the entrance door the stonework has a crisper, more complex course patterning and use of varied stone sizes, while on the east side of the door, the treatment is more rustic.

How is it significant?

The property at 4 Henry Street, Fitzroy, is of local historical and aesthetic/architectural significance.

Why is it significant?

The property at 4 Henry Street, Fitzroy, is of historical significance, as evidence of early surviving modest Fitzroy housing. It dates from about the time when the suburb severed its association with the Corporation of Melbourne, as the City of Melbourne was then known. The location, in the block bounded by Nicholson Street, Victoria Parade, Smith Street and Alexander Parade, was also part of the land area included in the first land sales outside the town reserve of Melbourne, in 1838-9. The property is also of local aesthetic/architectural significance. Elements which distinguish it as an early dwelling include the use of bluestone, the two chimneys to the end walls, and the simple elevation of two windows to each side of a front door. The differing bluestone treatments to either side of the entrance is also a distinctive characteristic which may be, together with the asymmetrical arrangement of central door and flanking windows, indicative of a two-stage building programme, although this has not been confirmed.

Theme

6. Building towns cities and the garden state

Heritage Study/Consultant	Yarra - Heritage Gap Study, Graeme Butler & Associates, 2007; Yarra - City of Yarra Heritage Gaps Study 2012 (Heritage Gaps Amendment two), Lovell Chen, 2012;
Other Names	House,
Hermes Number	175772
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

bluestone cottage; faces HO334; extension to HO334 (note Henry St isolated in potential non contributory area - may become Henry St Heritage Overlay Area in HO334 revision)

Integrity

The property at 4 Henry Street, Fitzroy is believed to date from 1858, and is a single-storey double-fronted brick and bluestone cottage. The roof has a transverse gable form, a moderately steep pitch, galvanised steel ridge capping, and is clad with slate tiling. It has corniced brick chimneys to both side gable peaks. The cottage has a bluestone facing to Henry Street with brick wing walls and side gables capped by cement render with kneelers at the street ends. The bluestone facing is patterned in ashlar basalt; on the west side of the entrance door - located asymmetrically in the facade - the stonework has a crisper, more complex course patterning and use of varied stone sizes than occurs on the east side of the door, where the treatment is more rustic.

One of the earlier occupiers of the property (John Wilson) was a stonemason, which possibly accounts for the distinct stone patterning. The brick wing walls extend to frame the verandah, which has a slight concave form, although the original profile is only clear on the east wing wall; the other is subsumed by the west dividing wall. The latter, shared with the car wash at the Nicholson Street corner, has been in large part rebuilt in the early to mid-twentieth century. The verandah is not original; the lace bracketing is a later addition; and the slate cladding to the roof has also been replaced. The fanlighted door and the two flanking windows are placed off-centre in the Henry Street elevation, and all openings have bars in wrought iron. The verandah has a low masonry fence finished in cement render, which appears to date from the early to mid-twentieth century. The stone verandah paving may be long-standing.

The rear of the property was not inspected.

Intactness

Fair

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