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Location

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Municipality

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Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO134

HO11

Heritage Listing

Queenscliffe Borough

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - November 1, 2009

Statement of Significance as recorded under the Queenscliff Heritage Study 2009

No. 34 Mercer Street is of historical and architectural significance to the Borough of Queenscliffe. It is of historical significance as a small commercial building of the early-1880s which served as premises for a number of trades. Architecturally, despite its adaptation to a residential property, and a number of other modifications, the building retains key elements of its original form and character. The original shop component of the building is also representative of early-1880s commercial developments in Queenscliff, with its facade and entrance directly on the street and verandah over the footpath. It is additionally part of a group of similarly modest, low-scale historic buildings in this area of Mercer Street.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Queenscliffe - Queenscliffe Urban Conservation Study, Allom Lovell & Associates P/L, Architects, 1982; Queenscliffe - Queenscliffe Heritage Study, Lovell Chen, 2009; |
| Construction dates | 1879, |
| Hermes Number | 120730 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

36 Mercer Street is a parapetted, stuccoed brick building which has been set hard on the building line. The facade has been altered little except for the application of paint and blocking in of highlights to the shop windows. A street verandah has also been removed.(4) The interior of the building has been altered over a long period, and little of the original remains.

Physical Description 2

Extract from the 2009 study

This former shop consists of a single storey, parapetted and rendered brick building with no setback to the property boundary. The central front door with fanlight above is flanked by large shop windows. The facade has been little altered except for the application of paint and blocking in of highlights to the shop windows. The large concave verandah, which was removed in the mid-twentieth century,[i] has been restored complete with cast iron frieze and brackets and chamfered timber posts.

The original hipped roof behind the parapet appears to have been replaced with a modern flat roof construction, although the central, rendered chimney remains.

The side (south) component of the building was built as a garage, it is assumed at a date later than construction of the original shop, and has been modified and adapted for residential use. It has recent multi-pane French doors with plain side lights; a parapet wall; and added concave corrugated iron verandah supported against the flank wall of the main building and by a corner post at the south end. This residential element also has a flat roof construction. A splayed timber picket fence and lych gate are also later additions.

[i] BQ Sewerage Authority Plan 1968.

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