
"Torbank", Residence

Location

39 Buckland Avenue, NEWTOWN VIC 3220 - Property No 201201

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1623

HO1273

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

"Torbank" is architecturally significant at state level as an interestingly designed large brick Edwardian house of great formal complexity. Built in 1896, the designer is not known. The massive chimney is of particular interest, as is the fact that the house continues to face the view whilst still deferring to the street.

"Torbank" has state historical significance for its associations with A. N. Vines, coach proprietor, who, with his father, Joshua, provided coaching and transport services for the Western District centred on Geelong during the colonial period. This firm contributed to Geelong's role as one of two major centres of the coaching boom in Victoria.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Geelong Region Historic Buildings and Objects Study, Allan Willingham, 1986; Greater Geelong - City of Newtown Urban Conservation Study, Context Pty Ltd, 1991; Greater Geelong - City of Newtown Urban Conservation Study, Richard Peterson, 1997;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	15569
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Physical Description 1

A double-storey, red brick, complex, Edwardian house, with gable slate roof, terracotta finials and cresting, and spouting with lions head decoration. It is basically L-shaped with a major hip facing the street pierced by gables, centre and at 450 on the right-hand side. This has a timbered upper gable, curved and jettying forward. There is a semicircular window head with a rectangular bay below, its skillion roof supported on fretwork brackets. The verandah extends around the angle to a further projecting gable forming the outer arm of the L I. This has a separate verandah with canted bays. Central to the verandah facing, is a minor gable in the form of a pediment with a vertical rail decorated valence and shingles cladding. The verandah is timber with turned post pairs singles at corners, a catenary curved valence between and a timber rail balustrade. There is a central massive central three-pot chimney. The cast-iron palisade on bluestone fence may be from an earlier house. There is a contemporary garage in Buckland Street. It would appear that the house generally faces the view rather than Buckland Street. There is a mature garden, with fine trees.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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