
Strathcona



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Location

2-4 Ascot Street, NEWTOWN VIC 3220 - Property No 203389

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1923

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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B Listed - Regional Significance

This 1900 villa has regional historical significance as an example of the substantial timber Edwardian residences built on elevated site for Geelong's more affluent citizens, and for its associations with William Purnell and Sons, a notable Geelong firm of timber merchants, builders and architects. It is one of a number of such houses built as investments by this firm "Warranmurra" at 32 Laurel Bank Parade (1894) is another.

"Strathcona" has architectural significance at state level for its unusual and particularly evocative Edwardian appearance and context. Significant elements include the very complex roof forms, the wavy balustrade timbers and rising sun motifs. The dense romantic garden, fence, corner gate and outbuilding garage are also significant in completing the ensemble.

REFERENCE:

R Aitken, "Edwardian Geelong: An Architectural Introduction" unpublished thesis, Deakin University, 1979, p.31.

Les Angus Purnell, the Purnell family, pp 80-82.

Newtown rate Book 1900-1901, North ward No. 336.

IBID.

IBID 1906-07, No 351. Purnell and Sons were owners still.

Purnell, pp 79-81

IBID

Gladys Seaton, Model Borough, City of Newtown, 1982, p.28.

Stephen Davis, "Federation Houses. Geelong", published research essay, Deakin University, 1981, p.26.

Purnell, p 81.

Newtown rate book, 1908-9, No 349; 1909-10, No 356; 1924 No 424.

IBID 1921, No 314; 1923 No 405.

IBID 1925, No 436.

IBID 1938, No 459.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - City of Newtown Urban Conservation Study, Context Pty Ltd, 1991;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	15971
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Physical Description 1

DESCRIPTION

An Edwardian timber house, with very complex roof forms, with bracketed eaves and turned timber finials. There is a 45% splayed corner rectangular bay, with wavy balustrade timbers and conical domes octagonal roof over the bay terminating the verandah. The rest has gables embossed with a rising sun motif and with an arched lattice valance. It has very dense romantic old garden with several mature trees and old rockeries. There are two timber garages facing (21) Mercer Parae. Much of the old fence has been replaced (presumably in replica) but some of the old fence remains, overgrowth with mulenbeckia. It has a splayed corner Edwardian gate with turned timber spindle rails.

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