
Residence

Location

19 Retreat Road, NEWTOWN VIC 3220 - Property No 204291

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1627

HO1405

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A most unusual late Victorian symmetrical timber house, built by William Purnell in 1892. The design has several rather early advanced elements, and materials, unless they were added later: pressed metal, asbestos cement slates, etc. It is architecturally significant locally as an unusual and forward-looking design, despite its symmetry and historically significant as an embodiment of comfortable life in Newtown, before the financial crash of 1892-3.

Heritage
Study/Consultant

Greater Geelong - Geelong Region Historic Buildings and Objects Study, Allan Willingham, 1986; Greater Geelong - City of Newtown Urban Conservation Study, Richard Peterson, 1997;

Hermes Number 16307

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Physical Description 1

A most unusual late Victorian symmetrical three-bay timber house with a hipped roof. At centre is a large canted bay over the entrance and expressed in the roof. The verandah extends around the front and returns at right to a side gable wing. Chimneys are unusual: fine tuck pointed red brick with deep mansard tops, corbelling on ribs at the angles with V-shaped ribs between. The roof has unusual timber gablets at ends facing both front and sides. These and the asbestos cement slates may be later.

Eaves have unusual angled brackets in the frieze. The side gable is clad with mock shingles and forms a verandah pavilion. It has post pairs with decorative fretwork and incised brackets with a turned spindle palisade valance. The upper gable jettys with pressed metal roughcast pattern cladding.

Beneath is a large canted bay, with segmental head sashes and highlights. Windows are pairs. The entrance has wide sidelights and fanlights with leadlight. Verandah posts have deep bevels, unusual mouldings and large concave brackets. The pressed copper nameplate survives.

It is on an ashlar bluestone rockface base. Gates are metal ribbon and chainlink on a tubular steel frame.

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