
Residence

Location

74 Skene Street, NEWTOWN VIC 3220 - Property No 205136

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1626

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A most singular and elaborate Late Victorian timber house in excellent condition, built in 1892, with some fascinating if sometimes charmingly naïve decorative details. It has architectural significance locally for its unusual decoration and representative of domestic stylistic extravagance of the Boom period and historically in embodying the pretension of a trade family in Newtown just before the economic crash of 1892.

INTACTNESS: Very good. The fence and major double-storey rear addition are recent, the chimney brickwork has been painted and the finial has been truncated at the roofline.

CONDITIONS AND THREATS: Excellent

REFERENCE: City of Newtown and Chilwell Ratebooks.

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;
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Physical Description 1

DESCRIPTION

An unusual double-fronted Late Victorian Boom timber house with a gabled roof. The left bay is set forward with a canted bay window. This has an unusual convex hipped roof in tray and roll metal, an elaborate cornice-mould and architraves to the round-headed windows, (those at side being stilted), over Doric pilasters, with spandrel lozenges and panels under.

The upper gable jetty's up to which the eaves decoration in a charmingly naïve manner. It has unusual chunky ogee fretwork bracket-pairs with turned spindle drops, with unusual horizontal ribs and in the gable, angled also between. The barge has similar decoration with teardrop incised lobes and the upper gables has an incised rising sun motif.

The hipped roof verandah is in the angle, with cast-iron lace valance and brackets. Timber posts have cast zinc Composite capitals and bases with dado block. Over, is unusual coin-mould decoration with lion's heads. At left is a skillion wing, with a leadlight window incorporating a stained glass rondel.

The chimney has deep covered moulds, with a mansard top. The entrance has ruby glass side and fan-lights with a four-panelled door. The right window is tripartite.

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