
Residence

Location

50a Skene Street, NEWTOWN VIC 3220 - Property No 205150

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area not sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1623

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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NEWTOWN URBAN CONSERVATION STUDY - C CITATIONS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

A particularly intact, almost symmetrical Edwardian timber house built in 1912. It is architecturally significant locally as an unusual variant of this domestic style and historically in embodying unpretentious professional family life in Newtown at the onset of the Great War.

INTACTNESS: Excellent, The fly screen door and fence are later.

CONDITIONS AND THREATS: Very Good

REFERENCE: City of Newtown and Chilwell Ratebooks

GRC - HISTORIC PLACES DOCUMENT - SHEET 329

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The design of "Rannoch House" can be attributed to noted Geelong architects, Backhouse and Reynolds and was constructed in 1855-58 as a Renaissance Revival two storey stuccoed masonry residence with a ornate arcuated timber verandah and loggia. A. S. Robertson, wealthy pastoralist and formerly of "Burnside" at Murgeloc, was the first owner. Jacob Pitman architect of Geelong, designed the single storey conservative classical style wings to the central pavilion of c 1858 in 1863. the finely detailed stables by Backhouse and Reynolds to the rear of the house were erected of squared coarsed basalt in 1858 At the time of completion in 1863, "Rannoch House" was one of the finest and most substantial town houses in Victoria.

RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Geelong Regional Commission Register.

Australian Heritage Commission Register of the National Estate.

Historic Buildings Council Register.

National Trust of Australia (Victoria) Register.

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Hermes Number 16542

Property Number

Physical Description 1

DESCRIPTION

An unusual, almost symmetrical, double-fronted timber Edwardian house with a hipped roof. The verandah extends across and returns at right under the hip. Under at left is a canted bay window at the angle; at right a rectangular bay on the splay, with a gable over (obscured). The valence is wavy palisade, with fretwork and deep Art Nouveau fretwork brackets and a central arch, at the entrance. This has a paneled glazed floor with a fan and sidelights, all coloured lead lights next to a small leadlight window with a bell-shaped head. Chimneys are symmetrical. The garden is appropriate.

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