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# Residence

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## Location

39 (2) Virginia Street, NEWTOWN VIC 3220 - Property No 205392

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1623

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A large late Italianate timber house between 1879 and 1894. It is architecturally significant locally as representative of this domestic style on a larger scale and historically as embodying comfortable middle class family life in 1880s Newtown and as the home of William Purnell, builder of this and so many other houses in the vicinity in this period.

**INTACTNESS:** Very Good, It lacks its entrance door.

**CONDITIONS & THREATS:** Very Good

**REFERENCES:** City of Newtown and Chilwell Ratebooks. The owner, Mr Davies, thinks the construction date is 1892;but he could not offer a source for this.

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## Physical Description 1

### DESCRIPTION:

A generally near-symmetrical, large double-fronted late Italianate timber house, with a slate hipped roof. Unusually, the entrance is to the right side of the front. There is wing projecting rear side lift. The verandah extends across the front and returns at left. A t right front is an unusually gable-roofed belvedere.

Chimneys have Classical moulds rendered. Eaves have a shield motif valance ogee brackets and panels between, with some turned drops. Windows a left side have unusual small hoods of the shield valance. At right are two windows hoods, palisade with fretwork covered brackets. There is an Edwardian leadlight rectangular bay at centre front. The entrance has leadlight side and fanlights and unusually, additional lead lighting windows beside these, with a four-panelled door.

There is a bluestone base, an early gable-roofed garage, with a skillion addition and other outbuildings at right with gabled vents. The fence is palisade picket with spear-heads, vehicular and pedestrian gates are chainlink on piped frame. On the right boundary is a hedge.

**COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS:** Similar to Nos. 22 & 42 Virginia Street, including the shield-motif valance.

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