
Residence

Location

56 Virginia Street, NEWTOWN VIC 3220 - Property No 205408

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1623

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

An unusual timber late Italianate house with some most unusual decorative details, built between 1879 and 1884. The first owner was a sea captain, hence presumably, the nautical details. It is architecturally significant as an unusual variant, of this domestic style and historically in embodying life in Newtown in the early 1880s.

INTACNESS : Very good, although chimneys have been painted and the fence is recent.

CONDITIONS AND THREATS: Excellent

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| 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; |
| Hermes Number | 16612 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

DESCRIPTION

An unusual triple-fronted timber late Italianate house, with an hipped roof with some unusual decorative details. The left and right side rear bays are set forward with canted bay windows expressed in the roof. The ogee-roofed verandah returns around the angle. It has a fine castiron lace frieze, over a rail, with valance and brackets below on Doric timber posts. Chimneys are rendered, with dentils and Classical mouldings.

Eaves are complex, with dentils over discs and panels with spearheaded pendants. The frieze has ogee brackets with fine moulds and weatherboards have beads. Windows and the entrance have most unusual cabled moulding on architraves. There is a window-pair under the verandah. The entrance has a four-panelled door, with side and fanlights. The subfloor is ashlar bluestone.

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