
Residence "Karoomba"

Location

48 Heytesbury Street, HERNE HILL VIC 3218 - Property No 208482

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO698

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

B Listed - Regional Significance

The property name 'Karoomba' has been informally changed from the incorrect name, 'Karooma' on the original heritage citation, from information provided by the current owner. The updated details are provided informally at this stage, as the citation has not been subject to formal change as part of a planning scheme amendment.

'Karoomba' was built in 1858 for Christopher Porter. It is significant as the home of one of Geelong's most noted architects. It was one of the first homes in the area west of Minverva Road and a rare survivor. It is of regional significance.

References

Villamanta Ward Valuation Book 1858.

L. Huddle, 'Architects in Geelong in the 1840's and 1850's, Humanities Research report, University of Melbourne, 1979.

G. Seaton, The Ashby Story - A History of Geelong West, Geelong West city Council, 1978.

Investigator, Geelong Historical Society, Vol. 16, No.1, Sept. 1981. p. 94-5.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - City of Geelong West Urban Conservation Study, Huddle, Aitken and Honman, 1986;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	17294
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

'Karoomba' is a two storey brick and stuccoed house with a hipped and slated roof. The front elevation has two bay windows on the ground floor either side of the front door. Surrounding the door are simple pilasters. All the windows on this elevation are twelve pane sash. It is not clear from the existing photographs whether the house originally had a verandah or not. The earliest known photograph shows a verandah which appears too fussy to be the work of Christopher Porter. Perhaps the most unfortunate alteration to this home has been the insensitive subdivision plan which has left the public with a rear view of the house only. Other alterations include the addition of a simple verandah and a high brick fence.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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