
Residence



147 Corio Street

Location

147 Corio Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 212839

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO2016

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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Significant

Previously Local Significance

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The semidetached houses at 147-151 Corio Street, have significance as a relatively rare example of three Victorian styled semidetached residences in Geelong. Built in 1854-55, the houses are an early legacy of

residential developments during Geelong's fledgling years.

The semidetached houses at 147-151 Corio Street are architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. They demonstrate original design qualities of a Victorian style. These qualities include the continuous gable roof form that traverses the site, together with the concave verandah that projects towards the street frontage. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the single storey height, horizontal weatherboard wall cladding, parapetted brick on bluestone base east boundary wall with concrete coping and narrow window, galvanised corrugated steel roof cladding, four unpainted brick chimneys with Multi-corbelled tops, narrow eaves on the front elevation, identical symmetrical compositions colours and features of each house including the central timber framed doorways with four panelled timber doors and flanking timber framed double hung windows, and the timber verandah columns and decorative cast iron valances.

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Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	18482
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Physical Description 1

The semi-detached houses at 147-151 Corio Street, Geelong, are set on a wide allotment with a minimal front setback. The front gardens consist of concrete paths and perimeter flower and shrubbery beds.

The three, single storey, horizontal weatherboard, Victorian styled semi-detached houses are characterised by a continuous gable roof form that traverses the site, together with a concave verandah that projects towards the street frontage. These roof forms are clad in galvanised corrugated steel. Four early unpainted brick chimneys with multi-corbelled tops adorn the roofline. Narrow overhangs are features of the front elevation. At the west end, the parapetted brick boundary wall (which rests on a bluestone base wall) is early and as a concrete coping and narrow window. The east parapetted brick boundary wall has been introduced, as has the brick verandah walls separating each house.

An early feature of the design is the front facade, with each house having identical features and colours. Each house has an early, central timber framed doorway with a four panelled timber door which is flanked by early timber framed double hung windows.

A decorative feature of the design is the front verandah which is supported by timber verandah columns and adorned with decorative cast iron valances (part of which may be missing on the west end).

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