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## Residence



158-160 Corio Street

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### Location

158 Corio Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 212855

### Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

### Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO2016

### Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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### Statement of Significance

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Significant

Previously C Listed - Local Significance

Statement of Significance

The fisherman's cottage at 158 Corio Street, Geelong, has significance as a reasonably externally intact example of a rudimentary Victorian Picturesque style. Built in 1885 for John Blackney, a fisherman, the house may have

been extended in c.1900. It appears to be in good condition when viewed from the street.

The fisherman's cottage at 158 Corio Street is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. It demonstrates original or early design qualities of a rudimentary Victorian Picturesque style. These qualities include the double gable roof form that traverses the site, together with the rear skillion wing and the concave verandah that projects towards the Corio Street frontage. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the single storey height, symmetrical composition, horizontal weatherboard wall cladding, galvanised corrugated steel roof cladding, narrow eaves, central timber framed doorway and flanking timber framed four paned double hung windows, timber framed leadlight window on the Cogans Place elevation, nine paned timber framed window under the rear skillion, stop chamfered timber verandah columns with projecting capitals, decorative cast iron verandah valance, curving gable bargeboards and the turned timber finials.

The fishermen's cottage at 158 Corio Street is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with residential developments in Geelong in the late 19th century. In particular, this cottage has associations with John Blackney, fisherman and original owner from 1885.

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## Physical Description 1

### Description

The fisherman's cottage at 158 Corio Street, Geelong (corner of Corio Street and Cogans Place), is set on a contextually wide allotment for the local area. The house is situated on the front and side boundaries, leaving a wide side setback at the front. The recessed rear section of the house has allowed for a narrow garden strip along the Cogans Place frontage.

The symmetrical, single storey, horizontal weatherboard, rudimentary Victorian Picturesque styled fisherman's cottage is characterised by a double gable roof form that traverses the site, together with a rear skillion wing and a concave verandah that projects towards the Corio Street frontage. These roof forms are clad in galvanised corrugated steel. Narrow overhangs are features of the eaves. The symmetry of the design is accentuated in the

front section of the house (which may be the original section), with the central early timber framed doorway and flanking timber framed four paned double hung windows. The timber framed leadlight window on the Cogans Place elevation appears to have been introduced, possibly at an early period. The nine paned timber framed window under the rear skillion is also early. Both the rear gable and skillion may have been introduced at an early time, possibly in c.1900.

A feature of the design is the front verandah. It is supported by recent stop chamfered timber columns with projecting capitals, and has a decorative cast iron valance. The open timber balustrade has been introduced, as has the timber lattice and vertical boarded infill to one side.

Other features of the design include the curving gable bargeboards and turned timber finials.

## **Physical Description 2**

Mostly intact cottage (though refurbished), weatherboard, transverse gable roof clad in corrugated metal sheeting with decorative timber bargeboards & finials. Concave roof to verandah with cast iron frieze, later timber balustrade & replaced chamfered timber posts & timber deck. Timber sash windows with vertical glazing bars, altered door with highlight. There was a house on the site by 1854.

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