
"Ariston" and "Jesmond" House



32 Eastern Beach Road

Location

32,34 Eastern Beach Road, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 213056

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1639

HO95

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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Significant

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE - GRC (Historic Places Documentation Sheet)

The terrace pair of two storey houses known as 'Jesmond and Arlston' (formerly 'Benton') were erected in 1880 for Ward Nicholson, part proprietor of the Vulcan Foundry, Geelong's long established iron foundry. This distinctive and elaborately enhanced terrace pair, with finely detailed cast iron balcony, cement render mouldings and interior is an important example of the terrace house in Geelong, with detailing characteristics of the work of Architect, Alexander Davidson, a close friend of foundry-man Ward Nicholson and possibly the architect for this exceptional semi-detached pair.

RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Geelong Regional Commission Register.

Australian Heritage Commission Register of the National Estate

Historic Buildings Council Register

National Trust of Australia (Victoria) Register

REFERENCES

Sutherland, Alexander - Victoria and it's Metropolis

McCarron , Bird, Melbourne, 1888, Vol 2, p154 for details of Humble and Nicholson's Vulcan Foundry

Willingham, Allan - "Two Scots in Victoria": The Architecture of Davidson and Henderson. Master of Architecture, University of Melbourne, 1983

Significance - City of Geelong - Urban Conservation Study - Significant Sites

Historically, although occupied for only a short period by it's first owner, the important Ward Nicholson, is in nevertheless a reflection of his tastes and his firm's products. Architecturally, an important milestone in the development of the Queen Anne revival style in Victoria, a popular style in the Edwardian era, and a contributor to a residential precinct.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Geelong Region Historic Buildings and Objects Study Volume 2, Allan Willingham, 1986; Greater Geelong - Geelong City Urban Conservation Study, Volumes 2-5, Graeme Butler, 1991; Greater Geelong - Geelong City Urban Conservation Study Volume 1, Graeme Butler, 1993; Greater Geelong - Geelong City Urban Conservation Study, Volume 4(a), Helen Lardner, 1995; Geelong City Fringe Heritage Area Review, RBA Architects + Conservation Consultants, 2018;
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Physical Description 1

Largely intact, substantial and distinctive pair. 2 storey, tuck pointed bi-chrome brick with basalt plinth, hipped roof clad in slate with metal cresting to no. 32, cast iron balcony, elaborate brick chimneys with terracotta pots, timber brackets to eaves. 2 storey verandah with timber framed cast iron frieze & balustrade, round columns with capitals, timber dentillated moulding, lower decks tiled with basalt edge, basalt stairs. Openings have rendered architraves, timber sash windows with leadlight highlights, French doors to upper level of no.34, 6 panelled timber doors to arched entry with leadlight highlight & sidelights. Original cast iron palisade fence (Humble & Nicholson, Geelong) with basalt plinth.

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