
Reformed Presbyterian Church Manse

Location

12 Fenwick Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 213205

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO919

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The manse at 12 Fenwick Street, Geelong, has significance as an intact example of the Victorian style and as part of the 19th century Reformed Presbyterian Church precinct which includes the Church building on a large allotment. The manse was built in 1862 at the same time as the Church, possibly to a design by J.V. Bartlett, architect, who had designed the Church. The manse at 12 Fenwick Street is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a Victorian style. These qualities include the hipped roof form at the front, rear hipped roof forms and the hipped concave verandah that projects towards the street frontage. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the symmetrical composition, single storey height, horizontal weatherboard wall cladding, slate cladding for the main roof forms, galvanised corrugated steel verandah roof cladding, timber framed double hung windows, timber framed doorway and four panelled timber door with flanking sidelights and highlights, two rendered brick chimneys with incised rectangular panels and corbelled tops, narrow eaves with timber brackets, and the timber verandah columns and decorative timber valance. The manse at 12 Fenwick Street is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with the development of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Geelong from the second half of the 19th century. In particular, this house has associations with the Rev. A.M. Moore, first occupier after construction between 1867 and 1872. The manse at 12 Fenwick Street is socially significant at a LOCAL level. It is recognised and valued by

sections of the Geelong community for religious reasons as part of the Reformed Presbyterian Church precinct. Overall, the manse at 12 Fenwick Street is of LOCAL significance.

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Hermes Number 18625

Property Number

Physical Description 1

DESCRIPTION:

The Reformed Presbyterian manse at 12 Fenwick Street, Geelong, is set on a large allotment as part of the Reformed Presbyterian Church reserve. The manse has a similar frontage and side setbacks as the neighbouring Reformed Presbyterian Church. The front garden consists of perimeter flower beds, grassed areas and a central path, and is bound by an introduced timber post and woven wire fence and scrolled metal gate, approximately 1200 mm high. The symmetrical, single storey, horizontal weatherboard, Victorian styled manse is characterised by a hipped roof form at the front, rear hipped roof forms and a hipped concave verandah that projects towards the street frontage. The main roof forms are clad in early slate, with the verandah clad in galvanised corrugated steel. Two early rendered brick chimneys with incised rectangular panels and corbelled tops adorn the roofline. Narrow overhangs and timber brackets are features of the eaves. The symmetry of the design is accentuated at the front by the early central timber framed doorway with a four panelled timber door flanked by narrow sidelights and highlights. Flanking the doorway are two early timber framed double hung windows. Further early timber framed double hung windows are situated on the side elevations. A feature of the design is the front verandah. It is supported by timber columns with a decorative timber valance.

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