
Medical Centre



37 Fitzroy Street

Location

37 Fitzroy Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 213366

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1639

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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Contributory

C Listed - Local Significance

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house at 37 Fitzroy Street, Geelong, has significance as a reasonably intact example of a transitional Federation and interwar Californian Bungalow style. Built in 1922-23 for William Henry Orchard, the house

appears to be in good condition when viewed from the street.

The house at 37 Fitzroy Street is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a transitional Federation and interwar Californian Bungalow style. These qualities include the L shaped form, hipped and gabled roofs and the return corner verandah under the hipped roofs. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the asymmetrical composition, single storey height, horizontal weatherboard wall cladding, galvanised corrugated steel roof cladding, unpainted brick chimneys with rendered tops, projecting cappings and terra cotta pots, broad eaves with exposed timber rafters, square timber verandah columns with timber brackets, flatroofed projecting bowed bays with timber framed casement windows and leadlighted highlights, timber framed doorway and leadlighted sidelight, and the decorative gable infill timber ventilators and brackets.

The house at 37 Fitzroy Street is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with residential developments during the interwar 1920s-1940s period. In particular, this house has associations with William Henry Orchard, original owner from 1922-23.

Overall, the house at 37 Fitzroy Street is of LOCAL significance.

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Physical Description 1

Description

The house at 37 Fitzroy Street, Geelong, is set on a large corner allotment. It has a modest front setback to Fitzroy Street, and a larger setback to Sydney Parade. The frontages are comprised of grassed areas and perimeter gardens, with some large trees near the corner and along the Fitzroy Street frontage. The front is bound along Fitzroy Street and partially along Sydney Parade by an introduced ripple iron and timber fence, approximately 1700 mm high. The remaining Sydney Parade boundary has a timber paling fence of approximately 1700 mm high.

The asymmetrical, single storey, horizontal weatherboard, transitional Federation and interwar Californian Bungalow styled house has an L shaped form characterised by the hipped and gabled roofs clad in galvanised corrugated steel. Early unpainted brick chimneys with rendered tops, projecting cappings and terra cotta pots adorn the roofline. Broad overhangs with exposed timber rafters are features of the eaves.

A feature of the design is the return verandah under the hipped roofs. It is supported by introduced but appropriate square timber columns with introduced timber brackets.

Another feature of the design is the projecting bowed bays with timber framed casement windows with leadlight highlights and flat roofed hoods.

The timber framed doorway and leadlight siders are also early, as is the decorative gable infill (timber ventilators and brackets). The lowered hipped roof forms and lantern light at the rear of the house (fronting Sydney Parade) are later additions..

Physical Description 2

Largely intact weatherboard villa, with additions to rear. Hipped & gable roof clad in corrugated metal sheeting, timber vents to gable ends, timber verandah with timber brackets, timber casement windows to bays with leadlight highlights, timber door with leadlight to highlight & siders, brick chimneys with rendered capping and terracotta pots.

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