
Residence

Location

30 Foster Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 213456

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1641

HO932

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The semi-detached house at 30 Foster Street, Geelong, has significance as a relatively externally intact example of the Victorian style. In fair to good condition, this house was built as a pair of semi-detached houses in 1870-71 for William Ham. It represents one of a small number of 19th century semi-detached residences in Geelong.

The semi-detached house, 30 Foster Street, is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a Victorian style. These qualities include the hipped roof form, together with a bullnosed verandah that projects towards the street frontage. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the unpainted brick wall construction, galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, two unpainted brick chimneys with projecting cornices, rear red brick chimney with a dentillated top, central timber framed doorway, flanking timber framed double hung windows, cream brick quoinwork and polychrome voussoirs, masonry window sills, turned timber verandah columns, vertical boarded verandah wall (east end), and the capped timber picket verandah balustrade and gate that forms the front boundary fence. The architectural significance of this semi-detached house also relies on the retention of the neighbouring abutting semi-detached house, with both houses forming

an original duplex.

The semi-detached house, 30 Foster Street, is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with residential developments in Geelong in the 19th century. In particular, this house has associations with William Ham, original owner and long time owner from at least 1870-71 until 1899.

Overall, the semi-detached house, 30 Foster Street, is of LOCAL significance.

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Physical Description 1

DESCRIPTION

The site at 30 Foster Street, Geelong, is dominated by the semi-detached house that forms the north, east and west boundaries (the east boundary being a brick party wall to the neighbouring semi-detached house). The rear side boundary (fronting Yarra Street) has a timber paling fence, approximately 1800 mm high.

The semi-detached, single storey, unpainted brick, Victorian styled house is characterised by a hipped roof form, together with a bullnosed verandah that projects towards the street frontage. The remaining half of the hipped roof and a similar bullnosed verandah characterises the neighbouring semi-detached house. These roof forms are clad in galvanised corrugated iron. Two early unpainted brick chimneys with projecting cornices adorn the roofline. At the rear, another red brick and dentillated top has been added to a secondary chimney, possibly in the early 20th century.

The symmetrical nature of the front of the house is determined by the central early timber framed doorway and the flanking timber framed double hung windows. An early decorative feature of the design is the construction polychromy, with cream brick quoinwork accentuating the building corners and openings, and polychrome voussoirs emphasising the window heads. Early masonry window sills form another feature. At the rear, a timber framed double hung window has been introduced.

The front bullnosed verandah is supported by introduced turned timber columns. There is a capped timber picket verandah balustrade and gate that forms the front boundary fence. A vertical boarded wall forms the eastern boundary to the verandah, separating it from the neighbouring house.

This house represents one of a small number of semi-detached Victorian residences in Geelong.

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