

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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Residence

Location

24 Lonsdale Street GEELONG, Greater Geelong City

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1641

HO984

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The semi-detached house at 24 Lonsdale Street, South Geelong, has significance as one of few semi-detached Late Victorian Italianate styled houses in Geelong. Built between 1893 and 1896 for Samuel Law, the house is largely externally intact and in good condition when viewed from the street. This house also neighbours a detached house of identical design and construction, forming an unusual residential grouping.

The semi-detached house at 24 Lonsdale Street is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a Late Victorian Italianate style. These qualities include the hipped roof forms and the return bullnosed verandah. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the asymmetrical composition, single storey height, corrugated profile to the roof cladding, pressed red brick wall construction, three pressed red brick and strapped chimneys with terra cotta pots, narrow eaves with decorative timber brackets and incised

rectangular panels, timber framed double hung windows with shallow arched heads accentuated by brick voussoirs, timber framed doorway with sidelights and highlights, cast iron finial on the roof ridge, cast iron verandah columns with decorative capitals and the decorative cast iron verandah valances. The significance of the place also relies on the retention of the neighbouring semi-detached and detached houses of identical design and construction.

The semi-detached house at 24 Lonsdale Street is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with residential developments in South Geelong in the late 19th century. In particular, this house has associations with Samuel Law, original owner from 1893-96, and Robert Wilson Hill, local engineer and original occupant. The house also represents one of the few 19th century town houses in South Geelong.

Overall, the semi-detached house 24 Lonsdale Street is of LOCAL significance.

Heritage Study/Consultant	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 'C' Citations Study, Dr David Rowe, 2002;
Heritage Act Categories	Heritage place,
Hermes Number	19328
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Physical Description 1

The semi-detached house at 24 Lonsdale Street, South Geelong, forms part of a complex of unpainted pressed red brick Late Victorian Italianate styled houses with modest front and side setbacks. The front garden of this house at 24 Lonsdale Street consists of perimeter plants, and young and mature trees. The front is bound by an introduced brick pier and aluminium palisade fence, approximately 1500 mm high. Neighbouring the semi-detached complex of houses is a detached house of identical design and construction fronting Lonsdale Street.

The asymmetrical, single storey, unpainted pressed red brick, Late Victorian Italianate styled semi-detached house is characterised by a hipped roof form that traverses the site (as part of the complex of houses), together minor hipped roof forms and return bullnosed verandah that project towards the front and side. These roof forms are clad in introduced light red corrugated colorbond, with the ridge line adorned by a cast iron finial. Three early pressed red brick and strapped chimneys with terra cotta pots adorn the roofline, together with another three identical chimneys that form part of the other semi-detached house. Narrow overhangs with decorative timber brackets and incised rectangular panels are features of the eaves.

The front of the house has early timber framed double hung windows with shallow arched heads accentuated by brick voussoirs. There is also an early timber framed doorway with sidelights and highlights under the verandah.

A feature of the design is the front bullnosed verandah. It is supported by cast iron columns with decorative capitals. It is also decorated by cast iron valances.

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