
Wesleyan Minister's Residence

Location

1 Lt Ryrie Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 215083

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO973

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Historically, probably Geelong's oldest Wesleyan ministers residence and the only indication that this two-acre grant was once intended for church use. It is also among the city's oldest houses.

Architecturally, indicative of its two early construction periods, the house has valuable verandah detailing and represents well a house type now uncommon in Geelong city, (medium sized, brick detached villa, single-storey of the 1850s or earlier) one comparison being the Willis house at 242 Ryrie Street.

Removed from City Fringe Heritage Area (HO1639)

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;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	19405
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Physical Description 1

Potentially pre - 1854 in part, much of the appearance of this stuccoed brick house was probably created in the renovations of 1857. Later descriptions are for a brick house of seven rooms, kitchen, wash house and paddock. The Water Board plan (c1914 - 17) shows a similar outline to recent plans (c1966), indicating little accommodation change since. Extensive stabling and outbuildings are also shown (since demolished).

Possibly verandahed on three sides pre 1857, the house has a projecting room bay on the southeast corner, with new windows in place of a chimney shaft shown there in 1879. The concave verandah is elegantly supported on slender duplex timber posts, each ornamented with cast-iron brackets with a saltire-cross infill above the capitals. The chimney top is corbelled, with a terracotta pot, and the window sashes multi-paned. Other details include the quarry-tiled verandah floor. The sympathetic square-top picket fence probably dates from c1915- 25.

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