
Residence



69 Lt Ryrie St, Geelong



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Location

69 Lt Ryrie Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 215118

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1637

HO978

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house at 69 Little Ryrie Street, Geelong, has significance as a reasonably intact example of a rudimentary Victorian style, and as the only surviving semi-detached timber house in this part of the street. Built in c.1854, this house formed part of a pair of semi-detached houses owned by Thomas Towle who had previously built three other rows of semi-detached houses in the area.

The house at 69 Little Ryrie Street is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a rudimentary Victorian style. These qualities include the unusual gabled and hipped roof form, together with the form and location of the verandah that projects towards the street frontage. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the grooved-edged horizontal weatherboard wall cladding, galvanised corrugated steel roof cladding, brick chimney, narrow eaves, central front timber doorway with four panelled timber door and transom above, and the flanking front timber framed, 12 paned double hung windows, brick gable infill on the east elevation with the rendered brick wall below, and the other timber framed window construction.

The house at 69 Little Ryrie Street is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with the construction of a pair of semi-detached houses in c.1854 for Thomas Towle. Importantly, this building is the only surviving house that formed part of four rows of semidetached houses built by Towle in the 1850s.

Overall, the house at 69 Little Ryrie Street is of LOCAL significance.

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Physical Description 1

The house at 69 Little Ryrie Street, Geelong, is set on a modest-sized allotment for the area. Formerly part of a pair of semidetached houses, this house takes up the full width of the site, and the verandah abuts the boundary at the front. There is some open space at the rear.

The single storey, grooved-edged horizontal weatherboard, rudimentary Victorian styled house is characterised by an unusual gabled and hipped roof form clad in introduced galvanised corrugated steel. The unusual nature of the roof form has resulted in the demolition of the second semidetached house at 71 Little Ryrie Street. A brick chimney adorns the roofline at the rear, while the narrow overhangs are features of the eaves.

The front is characterised by an introduced skillion verandah clad in galvanised corrugated steel and supported by stop chamfered timber columns. There is an introduced verandah balustrade fence consisting of timber-capped cyclone wire. This verandah appears to have replaced an earlier skillion or convex verandah.

The symmetrical nature of the front facade is delineated by the central early timber doorway with early four panelled timber door and transom above, and the flanking early timber framed, 12 paned double hung windows.

At the rear is an introduced skillion addition, while the eastern side of the building has exposed brick now painted gabled infill, and exposed rendered brick wall in fair-good condition. There is also an early timber framed double hung window on the west facade.

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