
Residence

Location

1 McKenzie Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 215784

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1641

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The cottage at 1 McKenzie Street, Geelong, has significance as a moderately intact example of a Victorian vernacular style. Built before 1854-55 for Ebenezer Davies, the house has been altered, with most original fabric having been replaced. However, it is in good condition when viewed from the street.

The cottage at 1 McKenzie Street is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. Although altered, it still demonstrates original design qualities of a Victorian vernacular style. These qualities include the double gable roof forms that traverse the site, together with the skillion verandah that projects towards the street frontage. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the modest scale, asymmetrical composition, single storey height, horizontal weatherboard wall cladding, galvanised corrugated steel roof cladding, narrow eaves, brick chimney (but not overpainting) with multi-corbelled top, side timber doorway at the front, timber framed, double hung 12 paned windows at the front, and the square timber verandah columns.

The cottage at 1 McKenzie Street is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with residential developments in Geelong in the mid 19th century. In particular, this cottage has associations with Ebenezer

Davies, original owner prior to 1854-55 who worked the tan pits in Marnock Vale close to Rocky Point. Davies leased a site to James Harrison at Marnock Vale, where he conducted his first refrigeration experiments. The cottage also has associations with Robert Balding, later owner and 19th century Geelong architect, Surveyor for the Borough of Newtown and Chilwell, and later the Geelong Town Council.

Overall, the cottage at 1 McKenzie Street is of LOCAL significance.

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DESCRIPTION

The cottage at 1 McKenzie Street, Geelong, is set on a small narrow allotment, compared to other allotments in the local area. The house has no front setback, with the front verandah forming the front boundary. There is also no northern side setback, with the house situated along the side boundary. At the side to the south is an introduced gabled garage with galvanised deck wall cladding and a Colorbond roller door. Under the verandah at the front are three recently-planted standard roses.

The modestly scaled, asymmetrical, single storey, horizontal weatherboard, Victorian vernacular styled cottage is characterised by double gable roof forms that traverse the site, together with a skillion verandah that projects towards the street frontage. These roof forms are clad in introduced galvanised corrugated steel. A central early brick chimney (now painted) with a multi-corbelled top adorns the roofline. Narrow overhangs are features of the eaves.

The asymmetrical composition is defined by the side early timber doorway (with introduced timber door and screen door) and the early side timber framed, double hung 12 paned windows.

The verandah is supported by recent square timber columns.

Most of the original exterior wall cladding, roof cladding and openings appears to have been replaced.

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