
Residence



19813 224 McKillop St

Location

224 McKillop Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 215999

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1642

HO1036

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house at 224 McKillop Street, East Geelong, has significance as a predominantly intact example of the Federation style. Built in 1908 for James Drew of the well-known Geelong stonemason and bricklaying family,

and later owned and occupied by Tasman Gurr, first Office Manager of the State Electricity Commission, the house appears to be in good condition when viewed from the street.

The house at 224 McKillop Street is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. It demonstrates original design qualities of the Federation style. These qualities include the broad hipped roof form with gables that project at the front and side, and the return verandah under the hipped roof. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the asymmetrical composition, single storey height, unpainted pressed red brick wall construction, slate tile roof cladding, two unpainted pressed red brick chimneys with rendered tops and projecting cornices and terra cotta pots, modest eaves, projecting corner bay of timber framed casement windows with leadlight highlights under the verandah, other timber framed double hung windows, worked square timber verandah columns, decorative timber fretwork verandah valances and brackets, rendered wall band under the front gable infill, cast iron ventilation grills in the projecting gables, terra cotta ridge capping and decoration, and the gable infill (worked timber brackets, stippled metal panelling and timber battening). The front fence also contributes to the significance of the place.

The house at 224 McKillop Street is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with residential developments in East Geelong during the Federation (c.1895-1915) period. In particular, this house has associations with James Drew, original owner from 1908. Drew was part of a well-known Geelong stonemason and bricklaying family, responsible for the construction of numerous important local buildings, including St. Mary's Catholic Church, Geelong West Town Hall and the Gordon Institute of Technology. The house also has associations with the long-time owner and occupier, Tasman Gurr, accountant and later the first Office Manager of the State Electricity Commission. Overall, the house at 224 McKillop Street is of LOCAL significance.

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Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
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Physical Description 1

DESCRIPTION

The house at 224 McKillop Street, East Geelong, is set on an average-sized corner allotment for the local area. The house has modest front and side setbacks, and the front gardens consist of perimeter plantings and grassed areas, and a flowering gum tree. The main front and side are bound by a timber picket fence, approximately 1300 mm high.

The asymmetrical, single storey, pressed red brick, Federation styled house is characterised by a broad hipped roof form with gables that project at the front and side, and a return verandah under the hipped roof. These roof forms are clad in early slate tiles. Two early unpainted pressed red brick chimneys with rendered tops and projecting cornices and terra cotta pots adorn the roofline. Modest overhangs are features of the eaves.

An early feature of the design is the projecting corner bay under the verandah comprising timber framed casement windows with leadlight highlights. The other windows also appear to be early, being timber framed and double hung.

The return verandah is supported by introduced worked square timber columns, and is decorated with timber fretwork valances and brackets.

Other early decorative features of the design include the rendered wall band under the front gable infill, cast iron ventilation grills in the projecting gables, terra cotta ridge capping and decoration, and the gable infill (worked timber brackets, stippled metal panelling and timber battening).

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