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## Residence



4 Pevensey Street

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### Location

4 Pevensey Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 217289

### Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

### Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1107

### Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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### Statement of Significance

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Significant

C -Listed - Local Significance

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house at 4 Pevensey Street, Geelong, has significance as a legacy of residential developments in Geelong during the Federation era. Built in 1901 for David Griffiths, brother of William Griffiths who established Griffiths

Book Store in Ryrie Street, the house has experienced some alterations and additions, although the early hipped roof forms, front gable and broken back return verandahs are still extant.

The house at 4 Pevensey Street is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. Although altered and extended, it still demonstrates some original design qualities of the Federation style. These qualities include the recessed hipped roof form, together with the hipped roof and minor gable that project towards the street frontage, and the return broken back verandah that projects to the front and sides. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the asymmetrical composition, predominant single storey height, horizontal weatherboard wall cladding, galvanised corrugated steel roof cladding, two strapped brick, multi-corbelled chimneys with terra cotta pots (excluding paintwork), modest eaves, turned timber verandah columns, arched and rectangular timber fretwork verandah valances, and the timber framed banks of double hung windows with highlights under the verandah, including the projecting chamfered corner bay. The substantial palm tree also contributes to the significance of the place.

The house at 4 Pevensey Street is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with residential developments in Geelong during the Federation (c.1895-1915) period. In particular, this house has associations with David Griffiths, solicitor and original owner who had it built in 1901. Griffiths's brother, William Joseph Griffiths, was the founder of the long-established and well-known Geelong book shop, Griffiths Book Store in Ryrie Street. Overall, the house at 4 Pevensey Street is of LOCAL significance.

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## Physical Description 1

### DESCRIPTION

The house at 4 Pevensey Street, Geelong, is set on a slightly larger allotment than several of the neighbouring houses. The house has an average front setback and narrow side setbacks. The front garden consists of sloping ground with perimeter garden beds, with a large palm tree near the northern boundary. The front is bound by an introduced painted brick fence, approximately 1300 mm high.

The asymmetrical, predominantly single storey, horizontal weatherboard, Federation styled house is characterised by a recessed hipped roof form, together with a hipped roof and minor gable that project towards the street frontage, and a return broken back verandah that projects to the front and sides. The small second storey gables that project at the front and side, together with the upper side gabled balcony, appear to have been introduced. The roof forms are clad in galvanised corrugated steel. Two early strapped brick, multi-corbelled chimneys (now painted) with terra cotta pots adorn the roofline. Modest overhangs are features of the eaves.

A feature of the design is the return broken back verandah. It is supported by introduced turned timber columns with arched and rectangular timber fretwork valances.

The timber framed banks of double hung windows with highlights under the verandah appear to be early, including the windows on the projecting chamfered corner bay. However, the larger timber framed double hung windows under the minor gable at the front may have been introduced, replacing a smaller bank of windows.

The window leadlighting in the upper floor windows and the timber battening in the upper and ground floor gable ends also appears to have been introduced.

## **Physical Description 2**

Largely intact, weatherboard, hipped & gable roof clad in corrugated metal sheeting, brick chimneys with banding & terracotta pots. Early dormer with battened weatherboards & arched leadlight window, Early sleep-out to north. Return broken back verandah with turned timber posts, arched timber frieze & timber deck. Timber windows with multi-pane, coloured upper sashes, timber panels to base of front windows, side entry

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