
Former Shenton Methodist Church Manse



375-377 Ryrie Street

Location

375-377 Ryrie Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 217793

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1639

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The former Shenton Methodist Manse at 375-377 Ryrie Street has significance as a reasonably intact example of the Federation style. Built in 1909 as the residence of the Shenton Methodist Minister, the house was designed

by the prolific Geelong architects, Laird and Barlow. The house appears to be in good condition when viewed from the street.

The former Shenton Methodist Manse at 375-377 Ryrie Street is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. It demonstrates original design qualities of the Federation style. These qualities include the dominant hipped roof form, together with the two gables that project at the front and side, and the return verandah formed under the main roof. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the asymmetrical composition, single storey height, horizontal timber weatherboard wall cladding, galvanised corrugated steel roof cladding, three unpainted red brick and strapped chimneys with terra cotta pots, narrow eaves, timber verandah columns with timber brackets, timber framed fretwork valance with Art Nouveau tulip motifs, corner bank of timber framed casement windows with highlights, timber framed double hung windows, timber framed doorways, gable infill (timber battening and stucco panelling, and brackets), and the window hood under the front gable.

The former Shenton Methodist Manse at 375-377 Ryrie Street is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with the development of the Shenton Methodist Church and with residential developments in Geelong in the early 20th century. In particular, this house has associations with the Shenton Methodist Church from 1909, when it was constructed as a Manse to accommodate the Minister. The house has further associations with Laird and Barlow, prolific Geelong architects.

Overall, the former Shenton Methodist Manse at 375-377 Ryrie Street is of LOCAL significance.

Heritage Study/Consultant	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 'C' Citations Study, Dr David Rowe, 2002; Geelong City Fringe Heritage Area Review, RBA Architects + Conservation Consultants, 2018;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	20666
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Physical Description 1

The former Shenton Methodist Church Manse at 375-377 Ryrie Street, Geelong, is set on a contextually small allotment for the area. The house has narrow side setbacks (including a side driveway) and a modest front setback. The front comprises a grassed area with perimeter gardens and some trees. The front is bound by an introduced low solid brick fence with steel gate that are approximately 800 mm high.

The asymmetrical, single storey, horizontal weatherboard, Federation styled house is characterised by a dominant hipped roof form, together with two gables that project at the front and side and a return verandah formed under the main roof. These roof forms are clad in galvanised corrugated steel. Three unpainted red brick and strapped chimneys with terra cotta pots adorn the roofline. Narrow overhangs are features of the eaves.

An early feature of the design is the return verandah. It is supported by introduced but appropriate timber columns with timber brackets, and adorned with a timber framed fretwork valance with Art Nouveau tulip motifs. This fretwork appears to have been introduced but is appropriate.

Other early features of the design include the corner bank of timber framed casement windows with highlights and the timber framed double hung windows, including the paired window in the gable ends. The timber framed doorways are also early.

Early decorative features include the timber battening and stucco panelling as gable infill, and the gable brackets and the window hood above the paired windows on the projecting gable (Ryrie Street gable).

Manse: largely intact, Federation period weatherboard, hipped & gable roof clad in corrugated metal sheeting with metal finials, return verandah with timber frieze & brackets, hipped hood with elaborate timber brackets to front. Timber sash windows & timber casement windows (to bay) with leadlight glass to top, timber panelled doors with highlight to south and east (east also has sidelights), banded red brick chimneys with terracotta pots.

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