
Residence



27 Swanston Street

Location

27 Swanston Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 218167

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1639

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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Contributory

Previously C Listed - Local Significance

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house at 27 Swanston Street, Geelong, has significance as a moderately intact example of the Victorian style. Built in 1888 to a design by the Geelong architect A.J. Derrick for F.E. Matthews, the house has

experienced some alterations but appears to be in good condition when viewed from the street.

The house at 27 Swanston Street is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. Although altered, it still demonstrates original design qualities of the Victorian style. These qualities include the main hipped roof form that traverses the site, together with the rear hipped roof forms that project or recede at the sides and the return bullnosed verandah that encircles the front the house. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the predominantly symmetrical composition, single storey height, horizontal weatherboard wall cladding, galvanised corrugated steel roof cladding, narrow eaves with paired timber brackets and decorative panels between, rendered chimneys with projecting cornices, central timber framed doorway and flanking timber framed double hung tripartite windows, other timber framed double hung windows, and the sidelights to the front doorway. The front timber picket fence also contributes to the significance of the place.

The house at 27 Swanston Street is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with residential developments in Geelong in the second half of the 19th century. In particular, this house has associations with F.E. Matthews, original owner who instigated construction in 1888. The house also has associations with the Geelong architect, A.J. Derrick.

Overall, the house at 27 Swanston Street is of LOCAL significance.

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Physical Description 1

DESCRIPTION

The house at 27 Swanston Street, Geelong, is set on a corner allotment. It has modest front and side setbacks that are comprised of open grassed areas with a perimeter rose garden. The front and side are bound by a timber picket fence and gate that are approximately 1300 mm high near the corner and approximately 1500 mm high towards the rear.

The predominantly symmetrical, single storey, horizontal weatherboard, Victorian styled house is characterised by a main hipped roof form that traverses the site, together with rear hipped roof forms that project or recede at the sides and a return bullnosed verandah that encircles the front the house. These roof forms are clad in

galvanised corrugated steel. Early rendered chimneys with projecting cornices adorn the roofline. Narrow overhangs with paired timber brackets and decorative panels between adorn the roofline.

The symmetrical composition is accentuated at the front by the early central timber framed doorway and the flanking timber framed double hung tripartite windows. The front timber and glazed door has been introduced, but the sidelights are early, as are the timber framed double hung windows at the sides.

A feature of the design is the return verandah. It is supported by introduced turned timber verandah columns, and has an introduced timber fretwork valance.

Physical Description 2

Returned to Victorian format (unsure of basis) with removal of early 20th century alterations including hipped verandah (as extension of main roof) & gable section to front - 1927 & 1934 aerials.

Weatherboard, hipped roof clad in corrugated metal sheeting, retains original brick chimneys (now painted). Reinstated cornice to eaves, return bullnose verandah with turned timber posts & later timber frieze. Tripartite timber sash windows with brackets beneath, panelled timber door with leadlight to upper part & leadlight highlight & sidelights.

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