
Residence

Location

89 Swanston Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 218213

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1641

HO1159

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The semi-detached house at 89 Swanston Street, Geelong, has significance as part of an intact example of a Victorian styled duplex. Built in 1871-72 for James Kerley, this semi-detached house appears to have experienced some alterations but is in good condition when viewed from the street.

The semi-detached house at 89 Swanston Street is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a Victorian style. These qualities include the longitudinal hipped roof form that traverses the site, together with the skillion verandah that project towards the street frontage. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the central dominant rendered masonry chimney, narrow eaves, masonry verandah party wall, galvanised corrugated steel verandah roof cladding, central timber framed doorway and timber framed transom window above, flanking timber framed double hung 4 paned windows with shallow arches, unpainted bluestone wall construction, single storey height, brick framing and quoinwork about the windows and door, and the turned timber verandah columns with timber framed cast iron valances and cast iron brackets. The front timber picket fence also contributes to the significance of the place. The architectural significance of this semi-detached house also relies on the retention of the semi-detached house at 91 Swanston Street.

The semi-detached house at 89 Swanston Street is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with residential duplex developments in Geelong in the second half of the 19th century. In particular, this house has associations with James Kerley, carrier and original owner who instigated construction in 1871-72.

Overall, the semi-detached house at 89 Swanston Street is of LOCAL significance.

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Physical Description 1

DESCRIPTION:

The semi-detached house at 89 Swanston Street, Geelong, forms part of a duplex of semi-detached houses. Both houses are set on narrow allotments and have modest front setbacks and narrow side setbacks. The front garden of the house at 89 Swanston Street largely consists of perimeter flower beds and other plantings, with a pathway to the front verandah. The front is bound by an introduced timber picket fence, approximately 1200 mm high.

The single storey, unpainted bluestone, Victorian styled duplex is characterised by a longitudinal hipped roof form that traverses the site, together with skillion verandahs that project towards the street frontage. These verandahs are clad in galvanised corrugated steel, and the main hipped roof has also been recently clad in galvanised corrugated steel. Separating the verandahs is a masonry party wall. There is also a central, dominant rendered masonry chimney that adorns the roofline. Narrow overhangs are features of the eaves.

The semi-detached house at 89 Swanston Street also has a symmetrical composition accentuated by the early central timber framed doorway with flanking timber framed double hung 4 paned windows with shallow arches. The timber and glazed door has been introduced, as has the glazing to the transom window above.

An early decorative feature of the design is the bricking framing and quoinwork about the windows and door.

Another feature of the design is the front skillion verandah which is supported by recent turned timber columns with timber framed cast iron valances and cast iron brackets.

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