
Residence including interior

Location

94 Western Beach, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 219114

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1638

HO339

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This two storey polychromatic brick residence on Western Beach was designed and built by Davidson and Henderson, Geelong Architects as their own accommodation. The design is less exotic than other homesteads and public buildings in the French Romanesque mode, and is most notable for the use of hollow brick or cavity walls construction. This technique improved construction standards and this house is one of the earliest in Australia and is of technological interest. The villa was one of the first buildings on Western Beach, and set a fashionable standard when completed in 1874.

RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Geelong Regional Commission Register

Australian Heritage Commission Register of the National Estate

National Trust of Australia (Vic) Register

REFERENCES

The history of construction of this building, erected by Geelong Architect Davidson and Henderson as their own residence is comprehensively recorded in

Allan Willingham - 'Two Scots in Victoria: The Architecture of Davidson and Henderson', Master of Architecture, University of Melbourne, 1983. pp 126-130 including contemporary description and Sketch Plan of the residence, photograph of the Building upon completion, and reference to later extensions in 1874.

Geelong Advertiser - 14 December 1872 for details of cavity brick used in construction of the brick walls of the residence

The bricks were manufactured by TH Widdicombe of Portarlington.

Certification of Title Volume 450, Folio 881.

Allotment 10, Section 39 Parish of Corio, purchase registered 9 October 1871.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Geelong Region Historic Buildings and Objects Study Volume 2, Allan Willingham, 1986; Greater Geelong - Geelong City Urban Conservation Study, Volumes 2-5, Graeme Butler, 1991; Greater Geelong - Geelong City Urban Conservation Study, Graeme Butler, 1993; Greater Geelong - Geelong City Urban Conservation Study, Volume 4(a), Helen Lardner, 1995;
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