
Residence



186 Yarra St, Geelong

Location

186 Yarra Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 219341

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1641

HO1200

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Although altered and extended, the house at 186 Yarra Street has significance as a relatively intact example of a Late Victorian Eclectic styled house (front section). This house appears to have been built in the 1880s or 1890s,

and was owned by Esther Wilson in 1896. From the street, the house appears to be in good condition.

The house at 186 Yarra Street is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. Although altered at the rear, it continues to demonstrate original design qualities of a Late Victorian Eclectic style at the front. These qualities include the hipped roof form, together with a gable and concave verandah that project towards the street frontage. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the asymmetrical composition, single storey height of the front section, slate roof cladding, corrugated profile to the verandah cladding, two unpainted polychrome brick chimneys with projecting cappings, narrow eaves with paired and worked timber brackets and decorative panelling, unpainted polychrome brick wall construction with cream brick quoinwork and stringcoursing, and flat-arched window heads with polychrome brick voussoirs, timber framed double hung windows, front timber door, semi-circular gable ventilator, worked timber bargeboards, turned timber finial, elaborate cast iron verandah valances and brackets, and the cast iron verandah columns with decorative capitals.

The house at 186 Yarra Street is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with residential developments in Geelong in the late 19th century. In particular, the house is associated with Esther Wilson from at least 1896, early owner, and the Radigan family, long-time owners from 1914-15 until 1950.

Overall, the house at 186 Yarra Street is of LOCAL significance.

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Physical Description 1

DESCRIPTION:

The house at 186 Yarra Street, Geelong, is set on an elevated and modest allotment. The house has a front setback of approximately 3-4 m. The front garden is recent and consists of a central brick-paved path with perimeter flower gardens and lawned areas. The front is bound by a recent brick and aluminium/steel palisade fence, and is approximately 1800 mm high.

The asymmetrical, polychrome brick, late Victorian Eclectic styled single storey house (with rear two storey additions) is characterised by a rear hipped roof form, together with a gable and concave verandah that project towards the street frontage. The main roof forms are clad in early slate, while the verandah clad in corrugated colorbond. Two early unpainted polychrome brick chimneys with projecting cappings adorn the roofline. Narrow overhangs, paired and worked timber brackets, and decorative panelling are features of the eaves.

An important early feature of the design is the polychrome brick construction. The building corners and openings

are emphasised by the cream brick quoinwork, with cream brick stringcoursing also prevalent. The window heads also have flat arches emphasised by the polychrome brick voussoirs. The windows are also early, being timber framed and double hung. The front timber framed door also appears to be early.

Other early decorative features of the design include the semi-circular gable ventilator, worked timber bargeboards and turned timber finial, and the elaborate cast iron valances and brackets to the verandah, which is supported by cast iron columns with decorative capitals.

Towards the rear of the house are introduced two storey brick and horizontal weatherboard additions which have a jerkin head roof clad in corrugated colorbond.

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