
Residence

Location

257-259 Yarra Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 219389

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1641

HO1204

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The modest house at 257 Yarra Street, South Geelong, has significance as a rare physical legacy of mid 19th century residential developments in the area. Built in late 1854, the house is characterised by a rudimentary Victorian style. The building (particularly the end masonry walls) is in poor condition.

The house at 257 Yarra Street is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a rudimentary Victorian style. These qualities include the simple gable roof form that traverses the site, together with the skillion wing at the rear. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the single storey height, rendered masonry walls, random rubble base walls, timber framed 12 paned double hung windows, timber framed doorways and transoms, narrow eaves, substantial masonry chimney and the vertical boarded door.

The house at 257 Yarra Street is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with some of the earliest residential developments in South Geelong in the mid 19th century and represents a rare legacy of this fledgling

period in Geelong's history. Built in 1854, this house has associations with Henry Plumridge, original owner, and from 1859, Mrs W. Flanders and Minnie Flanders who owned the property until c.1900.

Overall, the house at 257 Yarra Street is of LOCAL significance.

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Physical Description 1

DESCRIPTION:

The modest cottage at 257 Yarra Street, South Geelong, is situated on the front boundary on a narrow allotment. There is a rear yard. To the south of the house is a substantially higher two storey building, although to the north is a single storey house.

The single storey, rendered masonry, rudimentary Victorian styled house is characterised by a simple gable roof form that traverses the site, together with a skillion wing at the rear. These roof forms are clad in introduced tiles. A substantial masonry chimney with introduced terra cotta pots adorns the roofline. Narrow overhangs are features of the eaves.

The front facade has an early timber framed doorway with an early transom above, and an early vertical boarded door. It is flanked by two early timber framed, 12 paned double hung windows. Another timber framed doorway is situated further northwards and has an introduced timber and glazed door. The bracketed timber window and door hoods over the windows and northern doorway have been introduced. The house has a random rubble base.

Overall, the modest scale and rudimentary Victorian design of the building expresses the early period in which it was built. It is a rare legacy of the mid 19th century residential developments in the area.

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