
Longville House



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Location

2 Fitzroy Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 304192

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1639

HO925

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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Significant

C Listed - Local Significance

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Longville House at 2 Fitzroy Street, Geelong, has significance as a legacy of the Victorian Eclectic style. Originally built in 1883-84 to a design by the Geelong architects Watts and Jackson for John Longville Price, Geelong solicitor and former Mayor, Longville House remains a substantial residence. Although there have been obvious changes since the neighbouring allotment fronting Eastern Beach was subdivided and the front of the house was altered to the Fitzroy Street facade, the building is in good condition when viewed from the street.

Longville House at 2 Fitzroy Street is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. Although altered, it still demonstrates original design qualities of a Victorian Eclectic style. These qualities include the hipped roof form clad in dichromatic slate tiles, broad eaves with decorative timber brackets, and the dichromatic brick wall construction with cream brick quoinwork to the building corners and openings. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the symmetrical composition, two storey height, projecting two storey verandah and balcony with cast iron columns, brackets, valances and balcony balustrade, timber framed six panelled door with sidelights and transom window, timber framed double hung windows (especially the tripartite windows), and the narrow central timber and glazed opening (with 3 paned transom window) on the east facade of the first floor. Although relocated, the cast iron palisade fence with bluestone plinth now contributes to the significance of the place.

Longville House at 2 Fitzroy Street is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with substantial residential developments in Geelong in the 1880s, and particularly with John Longville Price, solicitor, former Mayor and original owner from 1883-84. The property has long associations with the Price family until 1964. The house has further associations with the Geelong architects, Watts and Jackson.

Overall, Longville House at 2 Fitzroy Street is of LOCAL significance.

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Physical Description 1

Description

Longville House at 2 Fitzroy Street, Geelong, is set on an average-sized allotment for the local area. The house, which now faces east, has a substantial front setback with and landscaped garden including perimeter flower beds, shrubs and grassed areas. The front is bound by a relocated cast iron palisade fence on a bluestone plinth, and is approximately 1500 mm high. At the rear is an introduced hipped garage accessed by a side concrete driveway.

The symmetrical, two storey, dichromatic and rendered brick, Victorian Eclectic styled house is characterised by a hipped roof form clad in dichromatic slate tiles. Broad overhangs and decorative timber brackets are features of the eaves.

The east facade of the building has a projecting two storey verandah and balcony with a flat roof. Early features of the verandah and balcony include the cast iron columns with decorative capitals, cast iron brackets and valances and the cast iron balcony balustrade.

The symmetry of the design is accentuated by the placement of the window and door openings. On the east facade is an early central doorway with an original timber framed six panelled door with sidelights and transom window, which is flanked by early timber framed double hung windows. On the first floor is a narrow central timber and glazed opening (with 3 paned transom window) and introduced flanking timber framed and glazed French doors.

The original north facade has a pair of centrally-positioned and introduced timber framed double hung windows on the first floor, flanked by early timber framed double hung tripartite windows.

Another early decorative feature of the design is the constructional coloration in the dichromatic brick construction on the east facade. The building corners and openings are accentuated by the cream brick quoinwork (some of the quoinwork on the main entrance may have been introduced). The north facade has been rendered.

Physical Description 2

Substantial house, altered after subdivision of land to Eastern Beach Road. Original facade to north (now rendered, verandah removed). East elevation has been reconfigured to become new facade, included introduction of 2 storey verandah, & central openings to both levels. 2 storey, bi-chrome brick, hipped roof clad in slate, timber brackets to eaves, flat roof to verandah, cast iron columns with capitals, cast iron frieze & balustrades. Timber sash windows, 6 panelled door with dentillated band, sidelights & highlight, glazed French doors to upper level. Recent palisade fence.

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