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# Residence

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## Location

50 Virginia Street, NEWTOWN VIC 3220 - Property No 505410

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1623

HO1523

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

A characteristic timber Italianate house with some significant elements including: gates and cladding boards, built in 1890. It was built and owned by prolific local builders Purnell & Sons. It is architecturally local significant as representative of this domestic style and historically in embodying life and speculative developments in Newtown before the economic crash of 1892.

**INTACTNESS:** Fair. A window hood, the verandah including its floor with a concrete slab, were all replaced c1925. The fence is recent.

**CONDITIONS & THREATS:** Good

**REFERENCES:** City of Newtown and Chilwell Ratebooks and Mr Hands, present owner in conversation in RP on 30 March 1997.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Geelong Region Historic Buildings and Objects Study, Allan Willingham, 1986; Greater Geelong - City of Newtown Urban Conservation Study, Context Pty Ltd, 1991; Greater Geelong - City of Newtown Urban Conservation Study, Richard Peterson, 1997;
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## Physical Description 1

### DESCRIPTION:

A double-fronted, timber Italianate house, with a hipped roof. The right bay is set forward as a canted bay window. Chimneys are rendered with Classical moulds. Eaves have coved bracket pairs, with turned drops. Between short and long panels. Wall-cladding is unusually wide ship-lapped boards. The entrance has a four-panelled door, with side-lights and a round fanlight unusual in Newtown, all in leadlight. Fragments of early significant gates survive with palisade spearhead pickets of varied height.

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