
School



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Location

31-61 Aberdeen Street, NEWTOWN VIC 3220 - Property No 200034

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1931

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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St John's Lutheran Primary School, 31-61 Aberdeen Street, Newtown, has significance as a predominantly intact and locally rare example of an interwar School building in the City of Greater Geelong. Built in 1926 on land owned by the Church of England Grammar Preparatory School, it has served as a school until the present day (2008). The site and school building were initially part of the Church of England Grammar Preparatory School until the early 1960s, with this building being opened in 1927 and from 1933 it was known as Bostock House, in memory of T.E. Bostock, well-known benefactor. Since 1962 the school building has served as St John's Lutheran Primary School and now represents the only Lutheran school building in Geelong. Overall, St John's School is in good condition.

St John's Lutheran School, 33-61 Aberdeen Street is architecturally significant at a Local level. One of few early 20th century and interwar private school buildings in Geelong, it demonstrates original design qualities for an interwar era school building. These qualities include the L form plan articulated by single storey hipped roof forms clad in terra cotta tiles. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the face red brick wall construction, timber framed double hung windows and timber entrance doors facing Aberdeen Street.

St John's Lutheran School, 33-61 Aberdeen Street, is historically significant at a Local level as it is associated with the initial development and progress of the Geelong Church of England Grammar Preparatory School from 1926 until the early 1960s, and with the St. John's Lutheran Church from 1962 until the present day. from the early 20th century until early 1960's and then with the first Lutheran Primary School in Geelong from 1962 to present day (2008).

Overall, St. John's Lutheran School, 33-61 Aberdeen Street, is of **LOCAL** significance.

Recommendations

Heritage Overlay Schedule Controls

External Paint Controls: Yes

Internal Alteration Controls: No

Tree Controls: No

Outbuildings and/or Fences: No

Extent of Heritage Overlay & Significance

The HO apply to that part of the site occupied by the building footprint and the immediate surrounding land.

Other Recommendations:

Nil

References

City of Newtown and Chilwell Centenary 1858-1958, City of Newtown and Chilwell, Newtown, 1958.

City of Newtown and Chilwell Rate Books 1860-1950, digital copies on CD, Geelong Heritage Centre.

Seaton, Gladys *Model Borough: an Introduction to old Newtown and Chilwell*, City of Newtown, Newtown, 1983.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Newtown Heritage Study 2008 Vol 1-3, City of Greater Geelong, 2008;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	24375
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Description

St John's Lutheran School, 31-61 Aberdeen Street, Newtown, is set on a substantial site bounded on three street frontages: Aberdeen Street, Pakington Street and Skene Street. The site also includes the school hall and other separate school buildings that have been constructed since the 1960's together with recreational play areas fronting Aberdeen Street and Skene Street. The Aberdeen Street, Pakington Street and Skene Street boundaries of the site have timber paling and cyclone wire fencing. Between the school buildings and fronting onto Pakington Street and Aberdeen Street are open grassed areas with playground equipment.

The single storey, face brick, interwar era St John's School building is characterised by a L form plan. These roof forms are clad in early terra cotta tiles. A series of early paired galvanised steel ventilation stacks punctuate the roofline. What about the windows? You should add something about them here and in the SOS - also add something about the eaves.

Integrity

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Predominantly intact although additions have been made over the past decades.

Physical Conditions

Condition

Good

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