
Residence



37 Cumberland Street,
Newtown

Location

37 Cumberland Street, NEWTOWN VIC 3220 - Property No 201735

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1935

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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The semi-detached dwellings at 35-37 Cumberland Street, have significance as a rare known surviving example of a Federation era duplex in Newtown, and as a predominantly intact local example of a rudimentary Federation style . Built between 1912 and 1916 by William Murphy, bricklayer and original owner, the dwellings appear to be in good condition when viewed from the street.

The semi-detached dwellings at 35-37 Cumberland Street are architecturally significant at a LOCAL level (AHC D.2). They are a rare known surviving example of a Federation era duplex in Newtown and they demonstrate original design qualities of a rudimentary Federation style. These qualities include the parapeted gable roof form that traverses the site, together with the broken back verandahs that project towards the street frontage. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the corrugated profile sheet metal roof cladding, brick wall construction, overall symmetrical composition, single storey height, brick chimney with terra cotta pots, central brick party wall, timber framed double hung windows, side timber framed doorways with transoms and the timber verandah posts and curved solid timber valances.

The semi-detached dwellings at 35-37 Cumberland Street, are historically significant at a LOCAL level (AHC A.4, H.1). They are associated with the more modestly-scaled residential developments in Newtown in the early 20th century. Built between c.1912 and 1916, they also have associations with the Geelong bricklayer and builder, William Murphy. The original owner, Murphy was responsible for the construction of a number of dwellings in Newtown and Drumcondra during the Federation era.

Overall, the semi-detached dwellings at 35-37 Cumberland Street are 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 the whole of each property.

Other Recommendations:

Opportunities are available to remove the introduced overpainting to the brickwork at 37 Cumberland Street, using approved chemical method.

References

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

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Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust Plan of Drainage NN5410 (1964).

R. Peterson, 'Newtown Urban Conservation Study C Citations', vol. 5b, 1997.

Aitken, Honman & Huddle, 'City of Geelong West Urban Conservation Study', vol.2, prepared for the City of Geelong West, 1986.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Newtown Heritage Study 2008 Vol 1-3, City of Greater Geelong, 2008;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	24834
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Description

The semi-detached dwellings at 35-37 Cumberland Street are set on small sized allotments. They have modest front setbacks comprising open grassed areas with perimeter garden beds and some mature trees and shrubs. Along the front boundaries are timber post and woven wire and timber picket fences respectively.

The symmetrical, single storey, rudimentary Federation styled duplex is characterised by a parapeted gable roof form that traverses the site, together with broken back verandahs that project towards the street frontage. At the rear are gabled wings. These roof forms are clad in corrugated sheet metal. An early brick chimney with terra cotta pots adorns the roofline. The roofline is also interrupted by a central projecting brick party wall that separates the two dwellings. The dwelling 37 Cumberland Street has introduced overpainting to the brickwork.

Other early features of the design include the timber framed double hung windows, side timber framed doorways with transoms and the timber verandah posts and curved solid timber valances.

Integrity

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Moderate-High Integrity.

Physical Conditions

Condition

Good.

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