
Residence



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Newtown/Chilwell Heritage
Review 2007

Location

8 Mercer Parade, NEWTOWN VIC 3220 - Property No 202900

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1940

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The dwelling at 8 Mercer Parade is set on a contextually large sized allotment for the area, having a substantial front setback and one wide side setback. The dwelling is set within landscaped grounds with mature trees, open grassed areas and perimeter garden beds. There is an outbuilding at the rear of the site. At the front is a high,

introduced capped timber paling fence.

The asymmetrical, face red brick, interwar Arts and Crafts Bungalow styled dwelling is characterized by a broad gable roof form, together with recessive minor attic gables that project at the side and a skillion verandah that encloses the main entrance on the east (side) facade. These roof forms have an affinity with Federation era dwellings and are clad in corrugated sheet metal. Early face red brick chimneys adorn the roofline. Broad overhangs are features of the eaves.

The Mercer Parade elevation features timber framed double hung windows arranged singularly and in pairs. The central single window opening appears to have been altered from a double opening, given that the early concrete lintel extends across to the east. The pair of windows in the south-east corner may have been introduced. Within the gable is an early pair of timber framed double hung windows.

Other early features of the design include the rendered and timber weatherboard gable infill and the paired timber posts supporting the verandah.

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 the site.

Other Recommendations:

Nil

References

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Greater Geelong - Newtown Heritage Study 2008 Vol 1-3, City of Greater Geelong, 2008; |
| Heritage Act Categories | Registered place, |
| Hermes Number | 25316 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

History

The Dwelling The site at 8 Mercer Parade is located on Lot 1 of plan TP238597U and Lot 1 of TP847458N which is part of Crown Allotment 8 (part), Section 7, Parish of Moorpanyal.

This dwelling was built in 1923-1924 by William Purnell, builder, as listed in the City of Newtown and Chilwell Rate Books. An outline of the dwelling about this time is shown in the Geelong Waterworks & Sewerage Trust Plan of Drainage NN5763 (Figure 1). In 1930 the rate books list J E and H C Robertson as the owners and Lena Parsons, home duties as the occupier.

William Purnell

William Purnell (junior) was the son of William Purnell, a local builder in Newtown who established Purnell and Sons, Builders, in 1875. From the 1880s, the firm consisted of William Purnell (senior), builder; William Purnell (junior), carpenter; Alexander Purnell, carpenter; and Robert Purnell, bookkeeper. The building business was continued by William junior, upon the death of William senior in 1905. A timber mill was established in Ryrie Street and it was in a building on the site where another brother, Fred, had his architectural office.

Physical Conditions

Condition

Good.

Integrity

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Moderate-High Integrity.

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