
Residence



46 Retreat Road, Newtown



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Location

46 Retreat Road, NEWTOWN VIC 3220 - Property No 204312

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1954

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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The residence at 46 Retreat Road, Newtown, has significance as an intact and representative example of a late interwar Old English style and is reflective of the standard designs prepared for the State Savings Bank as part of its Credit Foncier Loan Scheme. Built in 1938 for Marjorie N. Rushbrook, the dwelling appears to be in good condition when viewed from the street. The low front brick fence and metal gate also contribute to the significance of the place.

The residence at 46 Retreat Road is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level (AHC D.2, E.1). It demonstrates original design qualities of a late interwar Old English style, and has a particular affinity with the State Savings Bank's "Design C.F.4" as part of its Credit Foncier Loan Scheme. These qualities include the picturesque arrangement of gable roof forms, with a dominant traversing gable and two minor gables projecting towards the front, and another projecting at the side towards the rear. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the asymmetrical composition, single storey height, clinker brick wall construction, terra cotta tile roof cladding, front porch with round-arched entrance and small timber framed window formed under the extension of the projecting front gable, stepped brick chimneys with terra cotta pots, brick corbelling to the gable ends, timber framed double hung windows (arranged in a bank of three on the front gable and as corner and single windows), and the modest eaves. The front low brick fence and metal gate also contribute to the significance of the property.

The residence at 46 Retreat Road, is historically significant at a LOCAL level (AHC A.4, H.1). It is associated with residential developments in Newtown during the late interwar period, and probably with the State Savings Bank of Victoria's finance, design and construction (Credit Foncier) scheme. It was built in 1938 for Marjorie N. Rushbrook.

Overall, the residence at 46 Retreat Road is of **LOCAL** significance.

Recommendations

Heritage Overlay Schedule Controls

External Paint Controls: Yes

Internal Alteration Controls: No

Tree Controls: No

Outbuildings and/or Fences: Yes- front fence

Extent of Heritage Overlay & Significance

The HO apply to the whole of the site.

Other Recommendations:

Nil

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Hermes Number	25980
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Description

The property at 46 Retreat Road has a wide frontage to the street, reflecting the late interwar era in which it was developed. It has a modest front setback comprising open grassed areas with perimeter garden beds. A curving concrete pedestrian path connects the front boundary to the dwelling and appears to be early. On the front boundary is an early low solid brick fence with projecting piers. The metal gate at the front also appears to be early.

The asymmetrical, single storey, clinker brick, late interwar Old English styled dwelling is characterised by a picturesque arrangement of gable roof forms, with a dominant traversing gable and two minor gables projecting towards the front and another projecting at the side towards the rear. These roof forms are clad in terra cotta tiles.

The picturesque character of the design is especially expressed in the projecting front gable that extends to form a front porch accessed by a round-arched entrance. Other early features include the stepped brick chimneys with terra cotta pots, brick corbelling to the gable ends, timber framed double hung windows (arranged in a bank of three on the front gable and as corner and single windows), small timber framed porch window at the front and the modest eaves.

Integrity

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High Integrity.

Physical Conditions

Condition

Good.

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