
Christian College (Junior School)

Location

39 Broughton Drive, BELMONT VIC 3216 - Property No 224138

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1725

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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A Listed - State Significance

The building complex and site at 39-47 Broughton Drive is aesthetically significant at a STATE level. It demonstrates original design qualities of the interwar Georgian Revival style. These qualities include the three, two storey, unpainted dark brick, building pavilions with hipped tiled roofs which are linked by flat roofed two storey corridors. Other intact qualities include the courtyards between the pavilions, unpainted red brick chimneys, broken segmentally arched door surround supported by elaborate consoles with decorative elements within, general symmetry, rendered stringcourses, narrow eaves and regularly situated timber framed double hung twelve paned windows, rear two storey and single storey red brick wings and outbuildings with hipped galvanised corrugated roofs and the horizontal weatherboard outbuilding with a hipped roof, wide eaves and exposed rafters. The sizeable grounds (although considerably subdivided in recent years), including the Norfolk pine tree, palm trees, cypress trees and brick pillar gateway, make a substantial contribution to the aesthetic significance of the place.

The building complex and site at 39-47 Broughton Drive are historically significant at a STATE level. They are associated with the development of Orphanage Asylums and Children's Homes in Victoria from 1855, and more particularly, with the development of a Children's Home in the 1930s which was largely funded by several non-Government organisations throughout Geelong and district. The building complex is also associated with Laird and Buchan, architects.

The building complex and site at 39-47 Broughton Drive is socially significant at a REGIONAL level. While no longer serving its original purpose, it is highly valued and still recognised by the community of the Geelong region as a former home for children and presently as a Christian school.

Overall, the building complex and site at 39-47 Broughton Drive is of STATE significance.

It is highly recommended that a Conservation Management Plan be carried out on the property.

REFERENCE

1. D. & C. Jaggs, *Advancing This Good Work: A History of Glastonbury Child and Family Services*, Adams Printers, Geelong, 1988.
2. See Record Sheet for the former Protestant Orphan Asylum and Common School, Fyansford.
3. D. Rowe, 'Building a National Image: The Architecture of John Smith Murdoch, Australia's First Commonwealth Government Architect', PhD (Architecture) Thesis, Deakin University, Geelong, 1997.
4. City of Greater Geelong Planning Permits 601/2002 and 1465/2002.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - City of Greater Geelong Belmont Heritage Reports, Dr David Rowe, 2007;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	770 Geelong-Ballan Road, Moorabool,
Hermes Number	26489
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

DESCRIPTION

The site at 39-47 Broughton Drive is characterised by three, two storey, unpainted dark brick, building wings with hipped tiled roofs. Flat roofed two storey corridors link the flanking wings which have recessed traversing hipped roofs and projecting bays (with courtyards between) towards the street frontage. Additional courtyards are formed between these flanking wings and the central block, which is the dominant feature of the complex, with its wider dimensions, symmetrical and prominent red brick chimneys and broken, and central, segmentally arched door surround supported by elaborate consoles with decorative elements within. At the rear, additional two storey and single storey red brick wings and outbuildings have hipped roofs and are clad in galvanised corrugated iron and more recent colorbond. There is also a horizontal weatherboard outbuilding with a hipped roof, wide eaves and exposed rafters.

This building complex is of a Georgian Revival style, which is not only characterised by the symmetry and hipped forms, but also the rendered stringcourses, narrow eaves and regularly situated timber framed double hung twelve paned windows.

The building complex is set in substantial grounds, entered through an unpainted dark brick pillared gateway to a circular early concrete kerbed driveway. In the centre of the grounds is a Norfolk pine tree, while about the site

are at least nine substantial palm trees. Adjacent to the entrance gates is a mature cypress tree, the last surviving tree of this species that once flanked the site along the northern and southern boundaries.

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