
Armytage House Stables and classrooms (former) and The Hermitage Church of England Girls Grammar School classrooms (former)

Location

19-21 HERMITAGE ROAD NEWTOWN - PROPERTY NUMBER 202280, GREATER GEELONG CITY

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1907

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - February 6, 2023

What is significant?

A listed - State Significance

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:

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The stables were probably constructed in 1862, and are aligned north-south, backing onto Hermitage Road. The stables originally comprised three contiguous blocks, including a taller central section presumably with a loft level. The northernmost block was destroyed by fire in 1992. Construction is of sandstone, with bluestone quoins, lintels etc and slate roof. The stables were converted to classroom use after 1905.

The date of construction of the single storey building running east-west is not known, but is probably much later than the stables block and almost certainly after c1870. This wing may even have been built by the Church of England. It is constructed as a brick carcass, faced on the north side with limestone ashlar and bluestone dressings, and has a slate roof.

Both buildings have been modified, particularly the stables, of which one-third was destroyed by fire. When this building was converted to classrooms, there was a resulting loss of loft floors, and installation of new floors, dados, ceilings, trusses and windows. The later east-west wing has an intrusive late twentieth century ?pop-up? extension at the east end, and this end of the building has also been truncated by several metres.

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Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - City of Greater Geelong Belmont Heritage Reports, Dr David Rowe, 2007;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	26572
Property Number	

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