

Residence



26977 Francis Street No 2
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26977 Francis Street No 2 Map

Location

2 Francis Street, BELMONT Vic 3216 - Property No 226792

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1788

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house at 2 Francis Street is aesthetically significant at a LOCAL level. It demonstrates original design qualities of the Edwardian style. These qualities include the dominant, recessed hipped roof, together with a gable roof and bullnosed verandah that project towards the street frontage. Other intact qualities include the tall corbelled red brick chimney, timber framed double hung windows arranged in pairs, window hood supported by worked timber brackets, and the decorative gable infill (stucco work and battening). The house also makes a significant contribution to the single storey streetscape of mixed Edwardian, interwar Californian Bungalow and postwar homes.

The house at 2 Francis Street is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with Gibson's subdivision of 1919-20, and with Edward Gibson, original owner and land holder.

Overall, the house at 2 Francis Street is of LOCAL significance.

REFERENCE

1. Shire of South Barwon Rate Books, 1925-26, 1926-27, 1928-29.
2. Sands & McDougall's Directory of Victoria, 1934, 1957, 1972.
3. Mount Pleasant Estate Subdivision plan, 21 December, 1889, Geelong Historical Records Centre.
4. Drainage Plans & Inspectors' Reports, 1928, Barwon Water Profis system.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - City of Greater Geelong Belmont Heritage Reports, Dr David Rowe, 2007;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	26977
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Physical Description 1

DESCRIPTION

The site at 2 Francis Street has visual connections to Newtown Hill to the north and to the substantial Palm tree and the Norfolk Pine tree to the south. This house is set in a single storey streetscape of mixed Edwardian, interwar Californian Bungalow and postwar homes. The house has typical front and side setbacks, with a driveway along the side. These setbacks are shown on the 1927 GWST Plan of Drainage.³ The site is bound at the front by a post and wire fence and iron gates, approximately 1200mm high.

The asymmetrical, single storey weatherboard Edwardian house is characterised by a dominant, recessed hipped roof, together with a gable roof and bullnosed verandah that project towards the street frontage. These roof forms appear to be clad in corrugated zincalume. An early, tall corbelled red brick chimney adorns the roofline. Early timber framed double hung windows are arranged in pairs on the street facade. A window hood supported by early worked timber brackets is over the windows on the projecting gable.

A feature of the design is the bullnosed verandah, supported by recent plain timber columns with decorative timber brackets.

Early decorative features of the design include the gable infill (stucco work and battening).

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