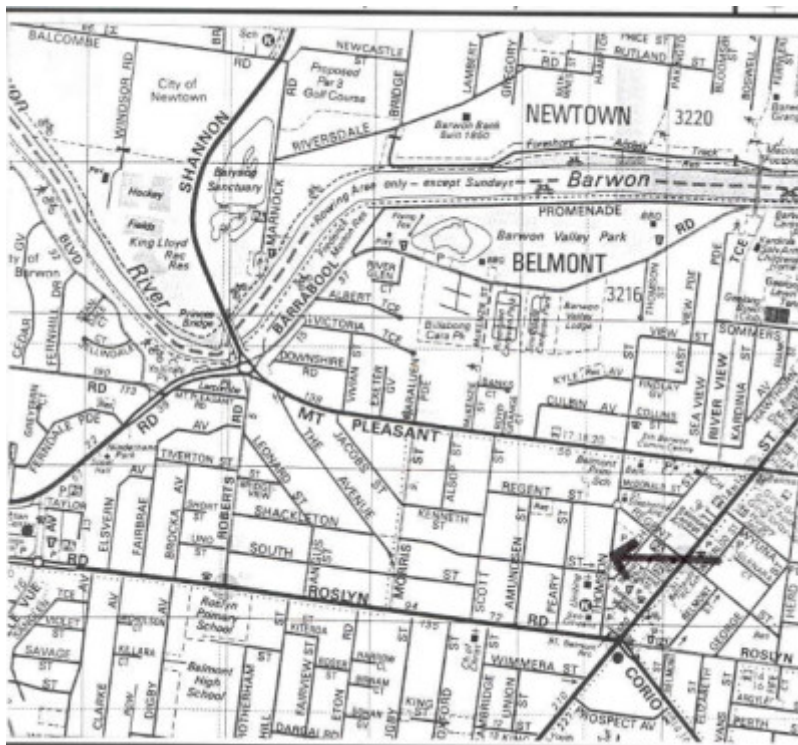


Residence



34 Thomson Street, Belmont



27193 Thomson Street No 34 Map

Location

34 Thomson Street, BELMONT Vic 3216 - Property No 240437

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1897

HO1908

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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C Listed - Local Significance

The house at 34 Thomson Street is aesthetically significant at a LOCAL level. A highly intact house from the street frontage, it demonstrates original design features of the interwar Californian Bungalow style. These qualities include the a major gable roof form, together with a rear gable roof that traverses the site, a minor gable that projects towards the street frontage, and a return flat-roofed verandah that projects to the front and the north. Other intact qualities include the weatherboard wall cladding, galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, tall corbelled red brick chimney with a terra cotta pot, wide eaves, timber framed double hung windows (in a horizontal bank of four and as a projecting bay), squat and round, tapered, concrete Doric verandah columns, brick verandah piers with rendered concrete cappings, solid brick balustrades with curved concrete cappings, window leadlighting, gable brackets and infill (shingling, joinery, panelling and battening). The brick and wire fence, together with the substantial garden and palm tree, contribute to the significance of the place. The house also makes a significant contribution to this section of the predominantly Federation and interwar residential streetscape.

The house at 34 Thomson Street is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with the Belmont Height Estate subdivision of 1913, and with the Hirst family, local woollen manufacturers.

Overall, the house at 34 Thomson Street is of LOCAL significance.

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Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
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Physical Description 1

DESCRIPTION

The site at 34 Thomson Street has a significant view of St Stephen's Anglican Church to the north and to Newtown Hill. The house is set in a predominantly single storey Federation and interwar Bungalow residential streetscape, with some house adapted for other uses. The house has typical front and side setbacks. These setbacks are shown on the 1927 GWST Plan of Drainage.⁴ The front is bound by an early interwar Bungalow fence, approximately 1200mm high, which has a brick plinth and a piped steel frame and wire mesh above. Two brick piers with concrete cappings form the gateway. An early substantial garden and Palm tree are other features of the site.

The asymmetrical, single storey, weatherboard, interwar Californian Bungalow house is characterised by a major gable roof form, together with a rear gable roof that traverses the site, a minor gable that projects towards the street frontage, and a return flat-roofed verandah that projects to the front and the north. These roof forms appear to be clad in galvanised corrugated iron. A tall corbelled red brick chimney with a terra cotta pot adorns the roof line. Wide overhangs are a feature of the eaves. The early timber framed double hung windows are arranged in a horizontal bank of four under the projecting gable and as a bay window under the verandah.

The verandah is supported by squat and round, tapered, concrete Doric columns which in turn are supported by brick piers with rendered concrete cappings. Solid brick balustrades with curved concrete cappings form the boundary.

Apart from the verandah details, early decorative features of the design include the window leadlighting, gable brackets and infill (shingling, panelling and battening).

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