
"Waitaki"

Location

251 Pakington Street, NEWTOWN VIC 3220 - Property No 203912

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1623

HO1357

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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B Listed- Regional Significance

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is one of a number of substantial brick homes with slate roofs, often architect-designed, constructed on Newtown Hill ("the Toorak of Geelong") during the Edwardian period, for successful local business and professional men. It has regional historical significance for its association with its first owner/occupier in 1905, Herbert Buchanan, prosperous iron merchant, and from c1917 with the Church of England Girls Grammar School, its second owner. This notable girls educational institution at first let "Waitiki" to school teachers. It has regional architectural significance as an impressive, complex, Edwardian house with influences not only from Art Nouveau in the oculus and fretwork, but Colonial Classicism (preceding Hardy Wilson's popularization of that period) exemplified in its Tuscan columns.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Existing Listing - None

Recommendations - RNE LPS Area 2 Place

REFERENCES

Stephen Davis - "Federation Houses, Geelong", unpublished research essay, Deakin University, 1981, p.24.

Newtown Rate Book - 1906-6, North Ward No 323.

Ibid 1917-18 No 363.

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Ibid 1915-16, No 362

The Book of Geelong, Henry Franks & Co, Geelong, 1897, pp58-62

Newtown Rate Book - 1917-18, No 363: 1927 No 368

Ibid 1915-16, No's 363, 364. the NAV for the Hermitage was 360 pounds. See Geelong Water & Sewerage Trust Detail Plan No 97.

Gladys Seaton, Model Borough, City of Newtown, 1983, p 45.

Newtown Rate Book 1930. No 420.

Ibid 1938, No 424

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Geelong Region Historic Buildings and Objects Study, Allan Willingham, 1986; Greater Geelong - City of Newtown Urban Conservation Study, Context Pty Ltd, 1991; Greater Geelong - City of Newtown Urban Conservation Study, Richard Peterson, 1997;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	16174
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Physical Description 1

DESCRIPTION

A complex plan, red brick, slate hip-roofed Edwardian house. It is generally triple-fronted with bays projecting to front right-hand side and rear left-hand side as gables. These have canted bay windows with round head casements and leadlight fanlights over. The corner is an octagonal bay and the verandah which extends around the angle, expresses this, with a complex roof of a gable to Pakington Street and hip to Skene Street. There is a fine large oculus and a triangle oriel. The verandah has Tuscan columns on brick plinths over a brick balustrade. Gables are timbered roughcast, but the corner gable is sinuous Art Nouveau wavy and tulip pattern fretwork, inscribed with a semi-circular archway. The roof has terracotta cresting and finials with a canted bay clerestory. The fence is recent, but sympathetic.

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