

HISTORIC PLACES DOCUMENTATION SHEET

Geelong Regional Commission



Sheet 315

PLACE NAME: House, 79 Prospect Road,  
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CITY OF NEWTOWN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Victorian Italianate

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Not recorded  
 Reference:

BUILDER:  
 Reference:

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES  
 Reference:

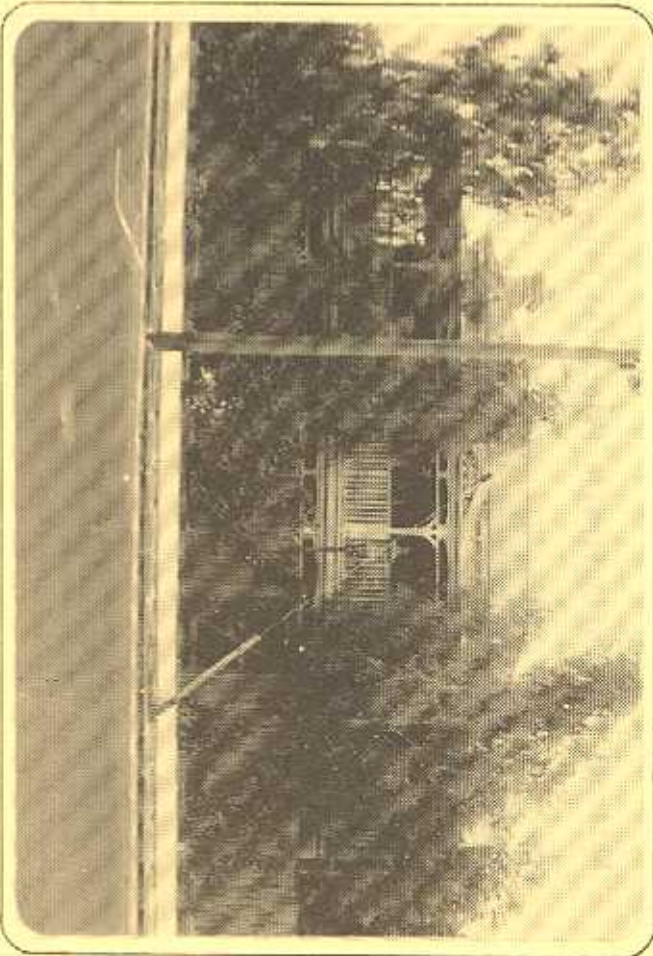
TENDER NOTICE: Not established  
 Reference:

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1858/59  
 Reference: City of Newtown Rate Books  
 National Trust of Australia (Victoria)  
 ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE

SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS  
 1889-1890 building renovated and extended by  
 construction of two rooms and timber balcony  
 verandah

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S) John Wilkinson

SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS  
 James Courie c 1863-1867. Thomas Rix, c 1859-1862.  
 William Carpenter c 1870-1880.  
 James Richardson c 1880-1885. Theresa Wyatt c 1887-1918.  
 OTHER NOTES



NEGATIVE FILE:

- Australian Heritage Commission Register of National Estate
- National Trust of Aust. (Vic) Classified/Recorded File No. ....
- Historic Buildings Preservation Council Register/ No. .... File No. ....
- Geelong Regional Commission Register No. 148

IDENTIFICATION DATA  
 PLACE NAME House  
 ADDRESS 79 Prospect Road,  
 Newtown.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA City of Newtown  
 TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE C.R. & J.C. Idle & D.C. & H.J.Hopkins  
 PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE Kirrawur Court Pty, Ltd.  
 ADDRESS 79 Prospect Rd., Newtown. TELEPHONE



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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

National Trust of Australia (Victoria) File No. 3845.  
 For details of Thomas Rix see  
Geelong Commercial Advocate 14 September 1860  
 'Wood and Rix, Auctioneers, Geelong.  
 City of Newtown Rate Books.  
 1858-59 John Wilkinson owner 5 R. Vacant.  
 1859-60 Thomas Rix owner.

CITATION

The history of the two storey brick house, known as 'Roseberth' since 1919 is tenuously recorded. A five-roomed brick house was present on this site in the 1850's, the present building dating largely from 1889. The verandah probably dates from this time also. It is executed in timber in the Edwardian style with a cast iron infill to the verandah pediment. French doors open onto the first floor verandah. A substantial house of considerable importance in the high quality residential area of Newtown being erected most probably for Thomas Rix a noted Auctioneer in post gold rush Geelong. The architect is not known.

- SIGNIFICANCE OF PLACE
- Its creative and/or technical accomplishment.
  - Its demonstration of a way of life, custom, process or function no longer practised.
  - In danger of being lost or of exceptional interest.
  - Its strong association with an important figure or figures, development, or cultural phase.
  - Its townscape and/or landscape value.
  - Its rarity value.

- SIGNIFICANCE
- LOCAL
  - REGIONAL
  - STATE
  - NATIONAL
  - WORLD

- CONDITION
- EXCELLENT
  - GOOD
  - FAIR
  - DETERIORATED
  - RUINS

- INTEGRITY
- HIGH
  - LOW
  - ALTERED
  - DAMAGED

RECOMMENDATIONS: **PROTECTIVE MEASURES**  
 Geelong Regional Commission Register.

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