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BUILDING ADDRESS

51 VILLAMANTA STREET

HISTORY

51 Villamanta Street appears to have been built circa 1908 for Mr. L. Bailiff. Mrs. R. Piper, daughter of L.Bailiff, was a subsequent owner.

DESCRIPTION

The single storey timber building is clad in weatherboards and the hipped roof and convex verandah is clad in corrugated iron. It is an unusual design which more closely resembles the Late Victorian architecture of the previous decade than the trends apparent at this time. The form of the building, including the projecting room, the low hipped roof and the convex verandah are all derived from the Late Victorian period, as are the style of eaves brackets. However the paired windows with window hoods, the chimney design and above all the tower and its window are elements more typical of the Edwardian period.

SIGNIFICANCE

51 Villamanta Street is an interesting building exhibiting architectural elements from both Late Victorian and Edwardian architecture commonly seen in Geelong. It is of local significance.

POLICY/RECOMMENDATIONS

G.R.P.S.

A more appropriate fence would greatly enhance the character of this building as would more appropriate paint colours.

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