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URBAN CONSERVATION STUDY: BUILDING IDENTIFICATION FORM.

BUILDING ADDRESS

30 VOLUM STREET

HISTORY

The residence was designed by the eminent Geelong architect, Percy Everett, in 1915. Everett was raised in Geelong West and attended the Ashby State School. He was the first architectural student to attend the Gordon Technical College and he went on to become the Chief Architect of the Public Works Department. This house was probably one of his last designs in Geelong as he commenced work in Melbourne at about this time.

DESCRIPTION

The single storey timber building appears to be clad in weatherboards and rough cast. The hipped and gabled roof is clad in corrugated iron. The front entrance is almost in the centre of the front elevation however the eye is drawn away from this by the prominent gable ends projecting from the hipped roof. These are at each end of the elavation and feature arched timber fretwork. The fretwork of the gable ends and verandah brackets is restrained. From the gate the driveway curves to the right and leads to the steps of the spayed gable end. The garden and fence/hedge are notable features of this property.

SIGNIFICANCE

Designed in 1915 by the notable Geelong architect, Percy Everett, it may be the last domestic building designed by him in Geelong and possibly the only extant timber one. The garden, fence/hedge and house have an excellent degree of integrity and it is of regional significance.

POLICY/RECOMMENDATIONS

N.E.R., G.R.P.S.

More appropriate paint colours would greatly enhance the character of this building.

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