



**Newbury Shop & Residence,
89 McKillop Street & 160-164 Bellarine
Street**

History

Charles Travers Mackin purchased this corner site for £150, the Grant being sealed in May, 1869.¹ Mackin sold to Arthur Speed in 1880, around the time when Speed purchased the opposite corner (91 McKillop Street) and many surrounding lots at a government auction.² Henry Speed and Speed & Son were two law firms listed in Yarra Street during the 1880s.³ Speed subdivided around 1884, yielding house lots along Bellarine Street, (156, 158).⁴ In the same year this corner weatherboard verandahed shop and residence of five rooms also appeared, occupied by William Heyward.⁵ By c1889, C.H. Newbury occupied (and owned?) the building, giving over to Samuel Newbury (baker, grocer)

in the 1890s, early 1900s.⁶ In 1908 the Newbury family consisted of Frank (baker), Jessie, Samuel (storekeeper) and also Samuel Jnr. (baker).⁷

The 'bakehouse' and 'stable' had appeared in rate descriptions by the late 1890s.⁸ The shop at 162 Bellarine Street emerged within Newbury's ownership between 1912 and 1914.⁹ Norman

Cully, a hairdresser, occupied 162 and George Farrar, a grocer, was in 164 Bellarine Street, post World War One.¹⁰

The Geelong Water Board plan (c1914) shows a timber corner shop with side residential verandah to Bellarine Street. Behind that is the timber shop and cellar (162), the timber stable and brick bakehouse (160).¹¹ One of the old drainage plans also shows an ownership change, Newbury to G.E.H. Winstanley.¹²

1 TO Vol.330, Fol.65890
2 op. cit. transfer
3 GD1886-7, 1882-3
4 TO Vol.1214, Fol. 242761
5 RB1885, 143
6 RB1889, 158; RB1910, 272
7 ER1908, (Corno)
8 RB1896, 295; VB1895, 295
9 RB1914, 280A
10 RB1918, 287-287A; RB1920, 286-8
11 GW & ST DP515
12 ibid.

Description

Today, this complex provides an interesting if, in part, dilapidated collection of buildings, all built for Samuel Newbury and each fulfilling a different role in his baker's business. The necessary bakehouse, the stable yard, gabled timber stable building and loft above, and the corner timber hipped-roof shop and residence, with its iron-ornamented residential verandah facing east. Between the bakehouse and corner shop is the timber former hairdresser's shop, with near original shop fronts to both shops.

External Integrity

New awnings, shop front changes, signs and altered openings to the south are the main changes to 164; the other buildings having a high integrity, albeit in poor repair (stable).

Streetscape

Complements the similarly aged shop and residence at 91 McKillop Street and houses in both Bellarine (north) and McKillop (west) Streets. It contributes to sub-precinct 7.7 which is a small area of mainly Victorian era housing.

Significance

Historically, a typical corner shop and residence, with the added interest of surviving elements of a 19th century baker's business, illustrating the on-site manufacture and stable accommodation for delivery wagons and horses. It also represents a compact grouping of the different forms taken by buildings in Geelong's 1880s land boom era. Architecturally, the corner shop is altered in detail but still possesses valuable elements such as shopfronts. In contrast, 162 Bellarine Street is near complete (also with shopfronts) as is the stabling, the latter being in poor repair.