

## GEELONG CITY 'C' CITATIONS

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**Site Name:** Residence

**Project File No:** 0888

**Address:** 13 Brown Street East Geelong 3219

**Approx. Date:** 1925

**Integrity:** High

**Significance Level:** C (Local)

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### History

This site at 13 Brown Street, East Geelong, is located on allotment 41 on the plan of subdivision (no. 10378) of 1922. The site forms part of Section 90 of the Corio Parish Plan of 1880. The original owners of the land were C. Sladen, G.A. Knight and S.V. Buckland.

A 4-roomed weatherboard house was built on this site in 1924 by Geoffrey Warren, a carpenter of Myers Street. A fifth room was added in 1925 by Warren, who was the owner/occupier of the residence, valued at that time at 40 pounds.

### Description

The house at 13 Brown Street is set on a long narrow allotment, with a front setback of at least 6 metres. There are narrower side setbacks. The front garden consists of an introduced brick path with grassed areas, perimeter flower beds and is also dotted with shrubs. The front is bound by a timber picket fence and gate, approximately 1200 mm high.

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The predominantly symmetrical, single storey, horizontal weatherboard, modest interwar Bungalow styled house is characterised by a broad hipped roof form, together with a minor hipped porch that projects towards the street frontage. These roof forms are clad in galvanised corrugated iron. Two early unpainted brick chimneys with rendered concrete cappings and terra cotta pots adorn the roofline. Wide overhangs and exposed timber rafters are features of the eaves.

An early feature of the design is the projecting hipped porch. It is supported by paired square timber columns which in turn are supported by unpainted brick piers with concrete cappings. A solid and curved plain porch valance forms another rudimentary decorative feature to the porch. There is also an early timber framed doorway under the porch.

Flanking the porch are projecting corner window bays with skillion roofs and exposed timber rafters. These windows, together with the other windows on the house, are early and are timber framed and double hung. The front windows also feature early decorative leadlighting in the upper sashes.

### **Statement of Cultural Significance**

The house at 13 Brown Street, East Geelong, has significance as a largely externally intact example of a modest interwar Bungalow style. Built in 1924 for G. Warren, this house is in good-fair condition when viewed from the street.

The house at 13 Brown Street is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a modest interwar Bungalow style. These qualities include the broad hipped roof form, together with a minor hipped porch that projects towards the street frontage. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the single storey height, horizontal weatherboard wall cladding, galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, two unpainted brick chimneys with rendered concrete cappings and terra pots, wide eaves with exposed timber rafters, paired square timber porch columns and unpainted brick piers with concrete cappings, solid and curved plain porch valances, timber framed doorway under the porch, projecting corner window bays with skillion roofs and exposed timber rafters, timber framed and double hung windows, and the decorative window leadlighting in the upper sashes. The front garden, timber fence construction and fence height also contribute to the significance of the place.

The house at 13 Brown Street is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with residential developments in East Geelong during the interwar (1920s-1940s) period. In particular, this house has associations with G. Warren, original owner from 1924.

Overall, the house at 13 Brown Street is of LOCAL significance.

### **References**

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