

Building:	Doll's House	Significance:	A
Address:	11 McCutcheon Way, Collingwood	Melway Map Ref:	2C G10
Building Type:	Residence	Construction Date:	probably 1880s
Architect:	Unknown	Builder:	Unknown



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Existing Heritage Listings:		Recommended Heritage Listings:	
Victorian Heritage Register	[x]	Victorian Heritage Register	[x]
Register of the National Estate	[x]	Register of the National Estate	[x]
National Trust	[x]	Heritage Overlay Controls	[x]

History

The Doll's House was originally located at 103 Wellington Street, Collingwood, thought to have been built in the 1880s after an 1870s subdivision.¹ In 1990 the house was dismantled and reconstructed at its present location.

Description

The Doll's House is a very small timber-framed cottage, with walls and gabled roof clad in corrugated iron. There is a small skillion-roofed verandah on the front elevation, between corrugated iron wing walls. Adjacent to the four-panelled front door is a double-hung sash window. The gable end has a decorative carved timber bargeboard and turned timber finial.

The timber picket fence is a recent reconstruction.

Significance

The Doll's House is of state architectural significance. The reconstructed Doll's House is the smallest extant house known in Victoria, and an extraordinary example of an inner-city worker's cottage. The house has a strong association with the history of the working class in Melbourne, illustrating the living conditions experienced by slum dwellers in an urban industrial environment. It also derives significance through its association with the slum clearance movement of the 20th century: the house was referred to in the report of the Housing Investigation and Slum Abolition Board, 1937, whose findings had important implications for housing reforms in Victoria and led to the establishment of the Housing Commission of Victoria.²

¹ Heritage Victoria File No. 954.

² Heritage Victoria File No. 954.