



House
11 Connor Street

History

Unsold lots from the Horticultural Showgrounds Estate of 1891 were auctioned in 1910.¹ One year later a weatherboard, four-room house, plus bathroom, had been built for Henry R. Humphries, a clerk.² Humphries lived there until the 1940s, when a Mrs. Ruby Williams occupied the house.³

Description

This is a distinctive timber house, designed after the Federation Bungalow style and illustrating the style's Far Eastern influences. Combining hipped and gabled roofs, the house's pyramid-roofed tower, at the verandah corner, distinguishes it from similar contemporary houses both in Connor Street and Geelong generally. Typically, timber slatting provides the verandah ornament but the gabled roof vents, the fretted window hood brackets and the shingled panel above, are more unusual. The stepped profile round-head timber picket fence appears original.

External Integrity

Generally original.

Streetscape

Major contributor to Urban Area 8.8, supporting the Edwardian era architectural dominance in this street.

Significance

Historically, little is known of the Humphries family, but the house is a well-preserved example of its era. Architecturally, a distinctive design in the Federation Bungalow manner, which is a major contributor to an important detached Edwardian villa precinct.

1 see Vol.3, Urban Area, 8.8
2 RB1911, 590
3 D1924-4