

Building:	Houses	Significance:	B
Address:	39-41 Oxford Street, Collingwood	Melway Map Ref:	2C D11
Building Type:	Residences	Construction Date:	pre-1858
Architect:	Unknown	Builder:	Unknown



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

History

The 1858 Hodgkinson map may show the northern portion of this cottage in situ.

By 1864 William Finlay owned a wooden house on this site with two brick houses immediately to the north.¹ Joseph Hendy, wikmaker, was his tenant.² By 1874 ownership had passed to Phoebe Wood and by 1875 to Emma May as owner/occupier, and Mrs King, the building apparently being extended at this time.³ Immediately to the north, Dr John Singleton operated a Home for Fallen Women, now demolished.⁴ May and King retained ownership in 1880, and by 1884, John May, the teacher, owned one unit and Emma May, the other.⁵ By 1887, it had reverted to one occupancy owned by John King, and it remained as such at least until 1891.⁶

Andrew Ward. *Collingwood Conservation Study*. 1995.

Description

The pair of houses at 39-41 Oxford Street, Collingwood, comprises two attached single storey timber cottages. No. 39, to the south, is extremely narrow, and has a single door and window, and no verandah. It is encompassed by the verandah roof of No. 41, which is a symmetrical, double-fronted cottage with a central door flanked by single windows. Windows are timber-framed double-hung sashes. No. 41 has a skillion-roofed verandah, the pair has a single, transverse gabled corrugated iron roof.

The four-panelled front door to No. 41 is believed to be original.

The original verandah post and frieze from No. 41 are missing.

The timber picket front fence does not appear to be original.

Significance

The pair of houses at 39-41 Oxford Street, Collingwood, are of local historical and architectural significance. The site appears to have been occupied by the house at No. 41 since the 1850s; it is one of a relatively small number of houses to survive from the first period of development of the Collingwood slope. The architectural significance of No. 41 is diminished by the alterations to the verandah.

Original Source

Andrew Ward. *Collingwood Conservation Study*. 1995.

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- 1 Rate Book.
 - 2 Rate Books 1866, 1869, 1871.
 - 3 Rate Book.
 - 4 Rate Books 1875, 1877.
 - 5 Rate Book.
 - 6 Rate Book.