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Site Name: Residence

Project File No: 0894

Address: 146 Corio Street Geelong 3220

Approx. Date: 1870c, 1920

Integrity: Low-Moderate

Significance Level: C (Local)

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History

This site at 146 Corio Street, on the south side of the street, is located on part of Allotment no. 13, Section 11, of the Geelong Town Plan of 1858, on land originally the property of a Mr. Hobson.

It appears that the 5 room weatherboard house on this site may have been relocated there from elsewhere in the early 1920s. It was at that time when the Geelong Water and Sewerage Trust reports indicate major plumbing and drainage work over a 4 year period, from 1921 to 1925. There was a substantial increase in the annual value of the property from 20 pounds in 1920 (for a "very old" brick and weatherboard house that had been built in the 19th century and presumably demolished) to 45 pounds in 1925.

Florence Eleanor Kirwood, a spinster of Gheringhap Street, was the owner of this property, as well as the property next door at 144 Corio Street, from c.1912. She leased the house to a storeman, William Edward Haywood, before selling both her Corio Street houses in October 1929 to Violet Warburton. Her husband, Henry James Warburton, was a dentist, residing in Pakington Street, Geelong West, before moving his practice to 144 Corio Street in the 1930s. The Warburtons carried out plumbing and drainage work on their properties in 1945, and at the same time renovated the house at 146 Corio Street,

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reducing the number of rooms from 5 to 4. Further sanitary work was carried out on both sites in 1963-64, when this house at 146 Corio Street appears to have been bequeathed to Henry Noel Warburton.

Description

The house at 146 Corio Street, Geelong, is set on a narrow allotment, which is typical for the local area. The house dominates the front of the site, as it is situated on the front and side boundaries.

The symmetrical, single storey, horizontal weatherboard, Victorian styled house is characterised by a double hipped roof form that traverses the site, rear introduced skillion extensions and a broad concave verandah that projects towards the street frontage. The front hipped roof form is clad in early slate and recent galvanised corrugated steel, while the rear hipped roof, skillions and front verandah are clad in galvanised corrugated iron. Narrow overhangs are features of the eaves. An introduced unpainted brick chimney adorns the roofline at one side.

The symmetrical composition of the design is accentuated by the central early timber framed doorway, which is flanked by altered (c.1920s) timber framed tripartite windows (the side windows being timber framed).

A feature of the design is the front verandah. It is supported by recent timber columns and has a decorative cast iron valance within a timber frame. There is also a cast iron bracket at one side, which may have been introduced, as has the vertically boarded infill at the side of the verandah. The verandah is bound at the front by a capped open timber balustrade and recessed gate on a bluestone base.

Statement of Cultural Significance

The house at 146 Corio Street, Geelong, has significance for its Victorian stylistic qualities, scale and construction which are typical for the local area. This house appears to have been relocated to the site in the c.1920s, but was probably originally built in the 1870s or 1880s. It appears to be in fair condition when viewed from the street.

The house at 146 Corio Street is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. Although relocated to this site, it still demonstrates original design qualities of a Victorian style. These qualities include the double hipped roof forms that traverse the site, together with the broad concave verandah that projects towards the street frontage. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the symmetrical composition, single storey height, horizontal weatherboard wall cladding, galvanised corrugated iron and steel roof cladding, slate roof cladding, narrow eaves, central timber framed doorway, location of the front timber framed windows, timber verandah columns, cast iron verandah valance and the capped timber verandah balustrade.

Overall, the house at 146 Corio Street is of LOCAL significance.

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