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Site Name: Residence

Project File No: 0896

Address: 148 Corio Street Geelong 3220

Approx. Date: 1875-80

Integrity: Moderate-High

Significance Level: C (Local)

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History

This site at 148 Corio Street, Geelong (corner of Corio Street and Veitch Place), is located on Lot 1 of Subdivisional Plan TP2564, which is part of Allotment 13, Section 11, of the Geelong Town Plan of 1858. The original owner of the allotment was a Mr Hobson.

This 6-roomed weatherboard house with verandah and pantry was built between 1875 and 1880, and early occupants included John Curnow, James Brown and the Salvation Army. In 1896 the owner/occupier was James Patrick Gough, a retired teacher, who held the property (at that time numbered 140 Corio Street) until at least 1920, (by which time it had been renumbered 148 Corio Street). Gough leased the residence to a succession of tenants during most of this period. He carried out major plumbing and drainage works on both this house and the adjoining dwelling at 150 Corio Street, which he also owned from 1919. This house at 148 Corio Street was bequeathed to James' daughter, Elizabeth Gough, who, like her late father, resided at 30 Williams Street, Windsor. She let the dwelling to a wide variety of tradesmen, including a salesman, a tram conductor and a barman. It is possible that structural alterations were undertaken in the early 1930s.

In 1960, then-owner/occupier, Dragoljic Burojevic, set about upgrading sewerage facilities at the site, but the property had changed hands again before the work was completed in

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1962. The new resident owners were Ferend (Frank) and Ilona Lemich, until at least the mid 1970s. Toilets, laundry, bathroom and kitchen may have been replaced in 1984, and the the rear two storey additions carried out.

Description

The house at 148 Corio Street, Geelong, is set on a narrow allotment, which is typical for the local area. It has a modest front setback that is equivalent to the neighbouring house, and the house is situated along the side boundaries. The front garden consists of garden beds, a central concrete pathway and a front boundary hedge and sandstone border.

The symmetrical, single storey, horizontal weatherboard, rudimentary Victorian styled house is characterised by a double gable roof form that traverses the site, together with a concave verandah that projects towards the street frontage. There is also an introduced two storey hipped extension at the rear. These roof forms are clad in galvanised corrugated steel. Narrow overhangs are features of the eaves. Four early rendered brick chimneys with incised panels and dentillated corbels adorn the roofline.

The symmetry of the design is accentuated by the early central doorway (with early transom above) and the flanking timber framed double hung windows. The other timber framed window at the side is also early. The front doorway also has an introduced security door.

A feature of the design is the front verandah. It is supported by recent square timber columns with projecting capitals. A recent creeper extends across the upper reaches of the verandah, while there is a capped timber balustrade that forms the front verandah boundary.

The house rests on an early unpainted bluestone base.

Statement of Cultural Significance

The house at 148 Corio Street, has significance as an example of the rudimentary Victorian style in Geelong. Built between 1875 and 1880, the house appears to be in good condition when viewed from the street.

The house at 148 Corio Street is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. It demonstrates original or early design qualities of a rudimentary Victorian style. These qualities include the double gable roof form that traverses the site, together with the concave verandah that projects towards the street frontage. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the symmetrical composition, single storey height (original building), horizontal weatherboard wall cladding, galvanised corrugated steel roof cladding, timber framed central doorway with transom above, timber framed double hung windows, timber verandah columns and balustrade, and the unpainted bluestone wall base.

The house at 148 Corio Street is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with residential developments in Geelong in the 1870s and 1880s.

Overall, the house at 148 Corio Street is of LOCAL significance.

References

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