

Building:	Portsea House	Significance:	B
Address:	259 Wellington Street, Collingwood	Melway Map Ref:	2C F7
Building Type:	Residence	Construction Date:	1876
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 shows a small building on this site, Wellington Street having not yet been formed.

By 1868,¹ Edmond Burn, the baker, had a wooden shop here, described in 1875 as a wooden shop and bakery.² In 1876 it is described as a brick shop and bakery with Burns as owner/occupier.³ By 1887 ownership had passed to William Cooksley, and by 1892, Frederick Lauer, baker, was his tenant.⁴

Construction details indicate that the building was probably built in stages.

Andrew Ward. *Collingwood Conservation Study*. 1995.

Description

Portsea House, 259 Wellington Street, Collingwood, is a two storey brick building on a prominent site on the north-west corner of Easey Street. The walls are of rendered brick with rendered dressings to windows. The facades of the shop are articulated by very simple, shallow pilasters. The entrance to the former shop is through a doorway in the corner splay, and is flanked by original shopfronts articulated by vertical and horizontal timber mullions dividing the window into six or eight lights above a timber sill and stallboard. The ground floor of the east elevation has a door at its mid-point, and two windows, whilst the first floor has five windows. The south elevation has a door and window at ground floor level, and three windows at first floor level. Windows are generally timber-framed double-hung sashes with bracketed sills and moulded architraves. There is a flat rendered string course at first floor level, which is expressed as a cornice above the shopfronts.

The roof is concealed behind a simple parapet with a rendered moulded cornice, which has a raised segmental parapet, bearing the words PORTSEA HOUSE ESTD 1858 in render above the splayed corner. There is a number of rendered brick chimneys with moulded caps.

Significance

Portsea House, 259 Wellington Street, Collingwood, is of local historical and architectural significance. The site has been occupied by a shop since at least the 1860s, and it is a substantially intact example of a combined corner shop and residence—which retains its original 19th century shopfront—typical of the second wave of development in Collingwood in the late 1800s.

Original Source

Andrew Ward. *Collingwood Conservation Study*. 1995.

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- 1 Rate Book.
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 - 4 Rate Books.