Building:

Address:

Residence

24 Mayfield Street



National Estate Register:

Historic Buildings Council Register:

National Trust Register:

Location within Precinct:

Photo Date

Grantee:

Original Owner:

Present Owner:

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Recommended

Collingwood Flat

August, 1988

C. Nicholson, 13-2-1839

John Buchan

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Original Use:

Residence

Present Use:

Residence

Construction Date:

1891-1892

Architect:

Builder:

Description:

A two storeyed hip roofed timber house with two storeyed verandah overlooking the river, the upper level being timber framed (undecorated) and the lower level with brick piers and stuccoed bases with ornamental moulds.

Condition:

Good

Integrity:

Good

History:

In 1890 John Buchan, the property developer, owned land adjacent to the Yarra River in Mayfield Street. In 1891 he commenced building two wood houses, one on the east side of Mayfield Street, the other on the west side of Church Street, both properties adjacent to the River and backing onto each other. The properties were completed in 1892. In 1900 Buchan continued as owner. Charles Cornish, an engineer, leased the Mayfield Street house and William Heathfield, a law clerk, leased the Church Street house, (1891, 1892, 1893, 1901 RB).

Significance:

No. 24 Mayfield Street recalls the role of the Yarra River especially during Collingwood's founding years but also later as an attractive residential location. It compares with the much altered equivalent house in Church Street, two others in St.Hellier's Road, and several now demolished houses including those in May Street and River Terrace (off Turner Street).

Recommendations:

Recommended for inclusion on the National Estate Register and for planning scheme protection.

References:

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