

GEELONG CITY 'C' CITATIONS

Site Name: Residence

Project File No: 0941

Address: 117 Garden Street East Geelong 3219

Approx. Date: 1908-09

Integrity: Moderate-High

Significance Level: C (Local)

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History

This site at 117 Garden Street, Geelong, is located on Lot 1 of LP204384, which is part of Crown Allotment 7, Section 97, of the Geelong Town Plan of 1881, which subdivided in 1911.

This 6-roomed brick residence, originally with a bathroom, washhouse and shed, was built for George Tremble, gentleman, in 1908-09. After George's death in c.1912, the property passed to his widow, Edna Dora Tremble, who retained possession for a further 10 years. After being held for a brief period by George and Edna Ewin, the house was purchased by Antonino Costa, fruiterer, of 174 Moorabool Street, in the early 1920s. Other owners have included Martin Joseph Kenny in the 1950s, and Ernest Theodore and Dorothea Erna Schultz, until c. 1970.

Description

The house at 117 Garden Street, East Geelong, is set on a long narrow allotment and has a modest front setback and narrow side setbacks with a concrete driveway along the side. The front garden consists of grassed areas with a brick path and perimeter shrubs. The front is bound by a timber picket fence and gate that are approximately 1200 mm high.

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The asymmetrical, single storey, unpainted pressed red brick, Edwardian styled house is characterised by a recessed dominant hipped roof form, together with a minor gable and side hipped bullnosed verandah that project towards the street frontage. These roof forms are clad in galvanised corrugated iron. Two early elongated pressed red brick chimneys with rendered strappings and cornices, and terra cotta pots, adorn the roofline. Modest overhangs with timber brackets and a painted wall finish are features of the eaves.

A feature of the design is the projecting gable which has a flying gable end and bay of timber framed double hung windows. Above the bay is a window hood supported by timber fretwork brackets, surmounted by a stuccoed wall finish. The flying gable is also supported by timber fretwork brackets.

The other timber framed windows under the verandah and at the sides are also early, as is the timber framed doorway with sidelight and highlights, panelled timber sidelight base, and the panelled timber and glazed door. However, the glazing to the sidelight appears to have been introduced, and the glazing in the door appears to have been blocked up.

Another feature of the design is the bullnosed verandah. It is supported by introduced square timber columns and there are introduced timber and frosted glazed screens at the side.

Another early decorative feature of the design includes the rendered wall stripe.

Statement of Cultural Significance

The house at 117 Garden Street, East Geelong, has significance as a predominantly intact example of the Edwardian style. Built in 1908-09 for George Tremble, gentleman, the house appears to be in good condition when viewed from the street.

The house at 117 Garden Street is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. It demonstrates original design qualities of the Edwardian style. These qualities include the recessed dominant hipped roof form, together with the minor gable and side hipped bullnosed verandah that project towards the street frontage. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the asymmetrical composition, single storey height, unpainted pressed red wall construction with rendered striping, galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, two elongated pressed red brick chimneys with rendered strappings and cornices and terra cotta pots, modest eaves with timber brackets above the verandah, flying gable end with bay of timber framed double hung windows below having a window hood supported by timber fretwork brackets and surmounted by a stuccoed wall finish, timber fretwork gable brackets, other timber framed windows, timber framed doorway with sidelight and highlights, panelled timber sidelight base, panelled timber and glazed door, and the square timber verandah columns. The front timber picket fence and gate also contribute to the significance of the place.

The house at 117 Garden Street is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with residential developments in East Geelong during the Edwardian (c.1890-1915) period. In particular, this house has associations with George Tremble, gentleman, from 1908-09.

Overall, the house at 117 Garden Street is of LOCAL significance.

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