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Site Name: Residence

Project File No: 0942

Address: 120 Garden Street Geelong 3220

Approx. Date: 1912

Integrity: High

Significance Level: C (Local)

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History

This site at 120 Garden Street, Geelong, is located on part of Crown Allotment 19, Section 76, of the 1881 Geelong Town Plan.

This 5-roomed weatherboard house (with bathroom and pantry) was built in 1912 for Denis Dines, a warder. In 1915 the house was purchased by Frederick I. and Katherine R. Irwin of Moolap, who held it until at least 1925. A stable at the rear of the house was paved with bricks in 1921, when sanitary improvements were carried out. Owners in the late 1920s and 1930s were Florence May Lynch and Alexander Hutchison. Percy Gordon Rigby, carpenter, and his wife, Hilda Venie May Rigby, acquired the property in c.1950, residing there for the next 20 years. Marjorie Jean Crain was owner / occupier from c.1970.

Description

The house at 120 Garden Street, Geelong, is set on an average-sized allotment for the local area. The house has a modest front setback and narrow side setbacks, and the front garden consists of grassed areas and perimeter plantings at the sides. The front is bound by an introduced timber post and rail and woven fence, and a scrolled metal gate,

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which are approximately 1300 mm high.

The asymmetrical, single storey, horizontal weatherboard, Edwardian styled house is characterised by a broad recessed hipped roof form, together with a gable, minor gable and hipped bullnosed verandah that project towards the street frontage. These roof forms are clad in galvanised corrugated steel. Two early elongated unpainted pressed red brick chimneys with unpainted rendered bands and terra cotta pots adorn the roofline. Modest overhangs with exposed timber rafters are features of the eaves.

The timber framed double hung windows arranged in pairs at the front are early, as is the timber framed doorway, although the screen door has been introduced. The timber framed double hung windows at the sides are also early.

A feature of the design is the front verandah. It is supported by introduced square timber columns with decorative timber fretwork valances and brackets.

Early decorative features of the design include the hipped window hood at the front supported by curving timber brackets, and the gable infill (timberwork simulating shingling and the timber battening).

Statement of Cultural Significance

The house at 120 Garden Street, Geelong, has significance as a predominantly intact example of the Edwardian style. Built in 1912 for Dennis Dines, the house appears to be in good condition when viewed from the street.

The house at 120 Garden Street is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. It demonstrates original design qualities of the Edwardian style. These qualities include the broad recessed hipped roof form, together with the gable, minor gable and hipped bullnosed verandah that project towards the street frontage. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the asymmetrical composition, single storey height, horizontal weatherboard wall cladding, galvanised corrugated steel roof cladding, two elongated unpainted pressed red brick chimneys with unpainted rendered bands and terra cotta pots, modest eaves with exposed timber rafters, paired framed double hung windows front, other timber framed double hung windows, timber framed front doorway, square timber verandah columns, decorative timber fretwork verandah valances and brackets, the design include the hipped window hood at the front supported by curving timber brackets, and the gable infill (timberwork simulating shingling and the timber battening).

The house at 120 Garden Street is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with residential developments in Geelong during the Edwardian (c.1890-1915) period. In particular, this house has associations with Denis Dines, warder and original owner, from 1912.

Overall, the house at 120 Garden Street is of LOCAL significance.

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