

## GEELONG CITY 'C' CITATIONS

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**Site Name:** Residence

**Project File No:** 0960

**Address:** 163 Kilgour Street Geelong 3220

**Approx. Date:** 1910-11

**Integrity:** Moderate-High

**Significance Level:** C (Local)

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### History

This site at 163 Kilgour Street, Geelong, is located on part of Lot 9, Section 77, of the Geelong Town Plan of 1881.

Cornelius J. Doherty, a woolclasser of Tucker Street, Breakwater, bought the land at this site from the Estate of G.F. Belcher in 1910, and immediately erected a 4-roomed weatherboard house, with pantry, bathroom and washhouse, completing construction by February, 1911. Doherty lived in the house until 1920, but appears to have placed ownership of the dwelling under the name of his wife, Margaret Doherty, who moved to 17 Bourke Street after the death of her husband, but who continued to own the property until the 1930s, letting it out to a succession of tenants. Margaret improved toilet, bathroom and laundry facilities in 1921. The Geelong Rate Books (Barwon Ward) described the house in the 1920s as a 5 room weatherboard house. Curiously, the next owner of the residence, Clarence Raymond Helmore, a patrol man at the time, appears to have relinquished the title of ownership to Rose and Lucy Gertrude Hynes, of 115 Gheringhap Street, in late 1939 or 1940, but was shown to be the occupant of the dwelling, by then owned solely by Lacy Gertrude Hynes, in 1950.

From this time, the house was shown in the Rate Books to be a 4 room house, so there

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may have been some structural changes in the 1940s. Certainly Rose Hynes carried out renovations to bathroom fittings in 1940. By 1960, however, Clarence Raymond Helmore, now a linesman, was again in possession of the property, held jointly with his wife, Dorothy Grace Helmore, and they owned and occupied the place until the 1970s, when Clarence may have died, as Dorothy appeared as the sole occupier of the house in the 1984 Electoral Roll.

### Description

The house at 163 Kilgour Street, Geelong, is situated on a long, narrow allotment, typical for the area. The house has a front setback of approximately 5 metres, with the front garden consisting of a central path, lawned areas and perimeter plantings. The front is bound by an introduced timber picket fence, approximately 1300 mm high. The side setbacks are very narrow, with one rear section of the house forming the side boundary.

The symmetrical, single storey, horizontal weatherboard, transitional Late Victorian and rudimentary Edwardian styled house is characterised by a broad gambrel roof form clad in galvanised corrugated steel. An early unpainted red brick chimney with a multi-corbelled top adorns the roofline. Wide overhangs are features of the eaves.

A feature of the design is the front broken back and hipped roof form. It is supported by introduced turned timber columns with decorative introduced timber fretwork valances.

The symmetrical composition of the design is accentuated by the early central timber framed doorway which is flanked by early timber framed double hung windows. Other early timber framed double hung windows are situated at the sides.

### Statement of Cultural Significance

The house at 163 Kilgour Street, Geelong, has significance as a reasonably externally intact example a transitional Late Victorian and rudimentary Edwardian style. Built in 1910-11 for J. Doherty, this house appears to be in good condition when viewed from the street.

The house at 163 Kilgour Street is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a transitional Late Victorian and rudimentary Edwardian style. These qualities include the broad gambrel roof form, horizontal weatherboard wall cladding, galvanised corrugated steel roof cladding and the unpainted brick chimney with a multi-corbelled top. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the symmetrical composition, single storey height, wide eaves, front broken back and hipped roof verandah, turned timber verandah columns and decorative timber fretwork valances, central timber doorway and the timber framed double hung windows. The front timber picket fence also contributes to the significance of the place.

The house at 163 Kilgour Street is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with residential developments in Geelong in the early 20th century. In particular, the house has associations with J. Doherty, original owner who had the house built in 1910-11.

Overall, the house at 163 Kilgour Street is of LOCAL significance.

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