

GEELONG CITY 'C' CITATIONS

Site Name: Residence

Project File No: 0981

Address: 4 Lonsdale Street South Geelong 3220

Approx. Date: 1893-1896

Integrity: Moderate-High

Significance Level: C (Local)

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History

This site at 4 Lonsdale Street, Geelong, is located on Allotment no. 12, Section 29b, of the 1881 Geelong Town Plan. The original owner of the land was Jesse William Dent, son of Frederick Dent, who owned adjoining lot 13.

This house was originally a 6 room weatherboard residence with a bathroom, and was built between 1893 and 1896. The first owner listed in the Geelong Rate Book (Barwon Ward) in 1896 was Thomas Green, a gentleman of Chilwell. A pantry and wash house were added by 1905, raising the net annual value of the dwelling from 14 pounds to 17 pounds. Ellen Green held the property from about 1910 to 1920, when it passed to George Charles Green, possibly a son. He carried out improvements to the toilet and bathroom facilities and drainage in the period 1920-23, at which time a stable at the rear of the house was paved with bricks. Green leased the property to Arthur George Fleet, an iron turner, who resided there for about 20 years in the early 1900s, and John Percy Calvert, resident from at least 1930 to 1950.

The property was acquired by Bertha Angelina Isabel Kelly in 1950. Albert Edward and Dorothy Pearl Clark were joint owners / occupiers of the residence in 1960, followed by J.G. Harrison in the 1970s.

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Description

The house at 4 Lonsdale Street, South Geelong, is set on a long narrow allotment. The house has a front setback that is largely consistent with the neighbouring houses. The front is bound by a post and woven wire fence, approximately 1500 mm high.

The asymmetrical, single storey, horizontal weatherboard, Late Victorian Picturesque styled house is characterised by a double gable roof form that traverses the site, together with a minor gable and convex verandah that project towards the street frontage. These roof forms are clad in galvanised corrugated iron overpainted dark red. Two early rendered brick chimneys with incised panels and multi-corbelled tops adorn the roofline. Narrow overhangs with paired timber brackets and decorative panels are features of the eaves.

The projecting gable has an early timber framed double hung tripartite window with an introduced skillion hood above. The other early windows about the exterior are also timber framed and double hung. The front timber framed doorway is also early, and has sidelights and highlights.

Early decorative features of the design include the crafted timber bargeboards on the front gable, and the turned timber finials.

The verandah is supported by timber columns with projecting capitals. There is also an introduced solid timber verandah valance.

Statement of Cultural Significance

The house at 4 Lonsdale Street, South Geelong, has significance as a reasonably externally intact example of the Late Victorian Picturesque style. Built between 1893 and 1896 for Thomas Green, a gentleman of Chilwell, this house appears to be in good condition when viewed from the street.

The house at 4 Lonsdale Street is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a Late Victorian Picturesque style. These qualities include the double gable roof form that traverses the site, together with the minor gable and convex verandah that project towards the street frontage. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the asymmetrical composition, single storey height, galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding overpainted red, horizontal weatherboard wall cladding, two rendered brick chimneys with incised panels and multi-corbelled tops, narrow eaves with paired timber brackets and decorative panels, timber framed double hung tripartite window, timber framed double hung windows, timber framed doorway with sidelights and highlights, crafted timber bargeboards on the front gable, turned timber finials, and the timber verandah columns with projecting capitals.

The house at 4 Lonsdale Street is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with residential developments in South Geelong in the late 19th century. In particular, this house associations with Thomas Green, original owner and a gentleman of Chilwell, from 1893-96, and with subsequent Green family members from 1910 until 1920.

Overall, the house at 4 Lonsdale Street is of LOCAL significance.

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