

GEELONG CITY 'C' CITATIONS

Site Name: Residence

Project File No: 1009

Address: 76 Maud Street Geelong 3220

Approx. Date: 1911

Integrity: High

Significance Level: C (Local)

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History

This site at 76 Maud Street, is located on part of Allotment no. 7, Section 27A, of the Town Plan of Geelong of 1881. In a later subdivision the size and distribution of allotments were altered, and this property became Lot no. 31 on Plan no. LP2218. The original allotment was in the name of S.H. Fagg, who also owned the adjoining Lot no. 6.

In 1911, a five-roomed, weatherboard house was built on this site for Charles Richard Fagg, timber merchant. He appears to have purchased the land from Leonard Harper Lindon in the same year. In 1917, the residence consisted of five rooms, a bathroom, wash-house and pantry. A stable was added in c.1920. The bathroom may have been incorporated in the main building by 1930, as the Barwon Ward Rate Book described the house as having 6 rooms. A garage was erected at the rear of the site in 1939, necessitating alterations to drainage. When Charles Fagg died in the late 1950s, the property passed to his widow, Edith Alice Fagg, who was still listed as the occupier in 1972.

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Description

The house at 76 Maud Street, Geelong, is set on a long allotment, of an average size for the area. The house has a modest front setback, the front being bound by an introduced flat timber picket fence, approximately 1800 mm high. There is also an introduced timber gate. At the front is a large exotic tree with other shrubs and plantings characterising the garden.

The asymmetrical, single storey, horizontal weatherboard, Federation styled house is characterised by a recessed steeply pitched hipped roof form, together with gable roofs and a broken back return verandah that project at the front and sides. These roof forms are clad in corrugated colorbond. Four unpainted red brick chimneys (two with terra cotta pots) adorn the roofline. Modest overhangs are features of the eaves.

A feature of the design is the timber verandah decoration. The verandah is supported by paired, timber columns with decorative timber fretwork and panels between. There are also early substantial fretwork arches under the gable and at the verandah corner. Timber fretwork valances are between the arches. The corner is also emphasised by the bank of chamfered, timber framed casement windows. Other early windows appear to be timber framed and double hung.

Other early decorative features of the design include the timber ridge decoration and the gable infill (battening and panelling, and timber brackets).

Statement of Cultural Significance

The house at 76 Maud Street, Geelong, has significance as a relatively intact example of the timber Federation style. This house was built in 1911 for Charles Richard Fagg, timber merchant, and largely appears to be in good condition when viewed from the street.

The house at 76 Maud Street is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. It demonstrates original design qualities of the Federation style. These qualities include the recessed steeply pitched hipped roof form, together with the gables and the broken back return verandah that project at the front and sides. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the asymmetrical composition, single storey height, horizontal weatherboard wall cladding, corrugated profile for the roof cladding, four unpainted red brick chimneys (two with terra cotta pots), modest eaves, timber verandah decoration including the paired timber columns with decorative timber fretwork and panels between, substantial fretwork arches under the gable and at the verandah corner, and the timber fretwork valances between the arches, chamfered corner with a bank of timber framed casement windows, timber framed double hung windows, timber ridge decoration and the gable infill (battening and panelling, and timber brackets).

The house at 76 Maud Street is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with residential developments in Geelong during the Federation period (c.1895-1915). Built in 1911, this house has associations with Charles Richard Fagg, timber merchant and original owner, and with other Fagg family members until 1972. A well-known family in Geelong, the Fagg family initially owned and operated timber yards and later the Faggs hardware stores.

Overall, the house at 76 Maud Street is of LOCAL significance.

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