

## GEELONG CITY 'C' CITATIONS

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**Site Name:** Residence

**Project File No:** 1017

**Address:** 3 McKillop Street Geelong 3220

**Approx. Date:** 1893-96

**Integrity:** Moderate-High

**Significance Level:** C (Local)

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### History

This site at 3 McKillop Street, Geelong, on the corner of McKillop and Fenwick Streets, is located on Allotment no. 11, Section 52, of the 1881 Geelong Town Plan. The land had originally been owned by a Mr. Noble.

The house at this location was first identified in the Geelong Rate Book (Barwon Ward) of 1896, and appears to have been built by Donald M. Jackson of Melbourne between 1893 and 1896. The dwelling was an 8 room weatherboard house, with bathroom and stables, on a sizeable block of land. Donald Jackson, who initially let the house, sold it between 1905 and 1910 to Elizabeth Dancey. She carried out substantial improvements to toilet, laundry and bathroom facilities on the site in 1918, and had the stable brick-paved at the same time. Dancey occupied the residence until the 1930s, when it was acquired by Kathleen Suffield. By 1950, the property was owned and occupied by John Leslie Watson, a Service Station proprietor before his retirement in the 1950s. He had drainage work was carried out on the property in 1949. The house was turned into flats in the late 1960s and 1970s.

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## Description

The house at 3 McKillop Street, is set on a wide corner allotment (corner of Fenwick Street), with the side McKillop Street portion having been subdivided in later years. The house has a front setback of approximately 3 metres on the McKillop and Fenwick Street frontages. The garden consists of grassed areas, with some perimeter plantings and large shrubs. The street frontages are bound by an introduced capped timber paling fence, approximately 1 metre high.

The asymmetrical, single storey, horizontal weatherboard, Late Victorian Italianate styled house is characterised by hipped roof forms, together with a return concave verandah that projects at the front and sides. The main roof forms are clad in early slate with the verandah clad in galvanised corrugated steel. Modest overhangs are features of the eaves.

An early feature of the design is the projecting bay windows at the front and side with pyramidal roofs clad in galvanised corrugated steel. These and the other windows of the house have timber frames and are double hung. There is also an early timber framed doorway with a four panelled timber door and side and high lights.

Other features of the design include the introduced timber verandah columns with projecting timber capitals, decorative cast iron verandah valances and brackets, and the bracketed window hood over a window at the front. The verandah also has an introduced timber balustrade.

## Statement of Cultural Significance

The house at 3 McKillop Street, Geelong, has significance as a reasonably externally intact example of the Late Victorian Italianate style. Built between 1893 and 1896, the house appears to be in fair condition when viewed from the street.

The house at 3 McKillop Street is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a Late Victorian Italianate style. These qualities include the hipped roof forms, together with the return concave verandah that projects at the front and sides. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the slate roof cladding, galvanised corrugated steel verandah cladding, horizontal weatherboard wall cladding, single storey height, asymmetrical composition, projecting window bays with pyramidal roofs, timber framed double hung windows, timber verandah columns with projecting timber capitals, decorative cast iron verandah valances and brackets, modest eaves, and the timber framed doorway with four panelled timber door and side and high lights.

The house at 3 McKillop Street is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with residential developments in Geelong in the late 19th century. In particular, this house has associations with Donald M. Jackson of Melbourne, who had it built between 1893 and 1896.

Overall, the house at 3 McKillop Street is of LOCAL significance.

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