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Site Name: Residence

Project File No: 1018

Address: 18 McKillop Street Geelong 3220

Approx. Date: 1908-09

Integrity: High

Significance Level: C (Local)

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History

This site at 18 McKillop Street, Geelong, is located on Allotment no. 6, Section 53, of the Geelong Town Plan of 1881.

J.C. Taylor and Sons, builders, who also owned the adjoining allotment, appear to have procured fenced land from William Brown, monumental mason of Belmont, between 1905 and 1908. They subsequently built a 5 room weatherboard house with kitchen and bathroom, there in 1908-09. At least one room was added during their period of ownership, as the house was described as having 7 rooms, with bathroom, pantry and washhouse, in the Geelong Rate Book (Barwon Ward) in 1915. J.C. Taylor and Sons leased the house, there being a succession of tenants between 1909 and 1920. They had sewerage installed to both their properties at 16 and 18 McKillop Street in 1920, and the Geelong Water and Sewerage Trust documentation of this work records the existence of a stable on the site at this time. The property changed hands in 1922 when it was acquired by Antonio Bongiorno, fruiterer, of Myers Street, who also let the property to Jeannie Stewart, a householder. She lived there from the 1930s until 1950, when it passed to Eileen Nellie Stewart, possibly Jeannie's daughter. Jeannie Stewart may have carried out structural alterations to the house when she first took possession, as it was consistently described as having only 5 rooms in the Rate Books from that time. Eileen Nellie Stewart

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carried out plumbing and drainage work on the site in 1964-65.

Description

The house at 18 McKillop Street, Geelong, is set on a long narrow allotment. It has a front setback of approximately 3 metres and the front garden consists of shrubs, creeper and perimeter plantings. The front is bound by a timber picket fence, approximately 1300 mm high.

The asymmetrical, single storey, horizontal weatherboard, Edwardian styled house is characterised by a recessed hipped roof form, together with a gable roof and hipped verandah that project towards the street frontage. These roof forms are clad in galvanised corrugated steel. Three early strapped, unpainted brick and multi-corbelled chimneys with terra cotta pots adorn the roofline. Modest overhangs are features of the eaves.

An early feature of the design is the front verandah that extends under the projecting gable. This gable is supported by turned timber columns, as is the hipped roof verandah. The gable is decorated by early curvilinear fretwork that flanks early Art Nouveau stylised tulip fretwork, which was typical for Edwardian design. A broad timber Art Nouveau arch with fretwork is situated below the upper timber gable decoration. The hipped section of the verandah also has a decorative timber fretwork valance.

Other early features of the design in the timber framed double hung windows, timber framed doorway, gable bargeboards and the gable infill (brackets and projecting triangular mouldings).

Statement of Cultural Significance

The house at 18 McKillop Street, Geelong, has significance as a predominantly externally intact example of the Edwardian style. Built in 1908-09 by J.C. Taylor and Sons, builders, the house appears to be in good condition when viewed from the street.

The house at 18 McKillop Street is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. It demonstrates original design qualities of the Edwardian style. These qualities include the recessed hipped roof form, together with the gable roof and hipped 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, three strapped, unpainted brick and multi-corbelled chimneys with terra cotta pots, modest eaves, turned timber verandah columns, curvilinear gable fretwork with central Art Nouveau stylised tulip fretwork, broad timber Art Nouveau arch with fretwork under upper timber gable decoration, decorative timber fretwork verandah valance, timber framed double hung window, timber framed doorway, gable bargeboards and the gable infill (brackets and projecting triangular mouldings). The front timber picket fence also contributes to the significance of the place.

The house at 18 McKillop 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.C. Taylor and Sons, Builders, who built it in 1908-09.

Overall, the house at 18 McKillop Street is of LOCAL significance.

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