

GEELONG CITY 'C' CITATIONS

Site Name: Residence

Project File No: 1024

Address: 70 McKillop Street Geelong 3220

Approx. Date: 1921

Integrity: High

Significance Level: C (Local)

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History

This site at 70 McKillop Street, Geelong, is located on Lot 12 of the Old Geelong Grammar School Estate (LP 6906), Section 27B of the Geelong City Plan of 1923.

James Putland, a retired farmer of Swanston Street, had a 9 room brick house erected on this site in 1921. He had purchased the land from William Thacker, printer of McKillop Street. James Putland was owner / occupier of the property until his death in 1933. From 1933, the Geelong Rate Books (Barwon Ward) described the house as a 7 room brick dwelling. Whether structural alterations were carried out a year after the house was built is not known. It seems more likely that rooms such as the washhouse, kitchen or bathroom may have been included in the room count in 1922, but not from 1923 onwards. After Mr Putland's death, the residence was acquired by Police Magistrate, Milroy Steedman, and Ron Steedman. Milroy occupied the dwelling until his death in 1979, when it passed to Ron, and, afterwards, to Veronica Margaret Steedman.

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Description

The house at 70 McKillop Street, Geelong, is set on an average-sized allotment for the area. The house has a front setback of approximately 6 metres, with the front garden consisting of grassed areas and perimeter plantings. The front is bound by an introduced brick and timber picket fence, being approximately 1800 mm high. This house forms part of a pair of similarly designed and constructed houses in this part of McKillop Street.

The asymmetrical, predominantly single storey, unpainted brick, transitional Late Federation and interwar Bungalow styled house is characterised by a complex configuration of hipped and gabled roof forms that project at the front and side. These roof forms are clad in terra cotta tiles. Strapped unpainted brick and stuccoed chimneys adorn the roofline. Wide overhangs are features of the eaves.

A feature of the design is the return broken back verandah formed under the main roofline. It is supported by early unpainted brick piers.

Another feature of the design is the attic gable which projects towards the street frontage. The gable is supported by early timber brackets and has a shingled balustrade, with timber framed double hung windows and timber and glazed door within.

Other early features of the design include the chamfered corner under the verandah with timber framed double hung windows, projecting rectangular bay of timber framed double hung windows, timber framed doorway, terra cotta roof finial, window leadlighting, and the decorative gable infill (panelling, brackets and timber ventilator).

Statement of Cultural Significance

The house at 70 McKillop Street, Geelong, has significance as a predominantly externally intact example of a transitional Late Federation and interwar Bungalow style. Built in 1921 for James Putland, the house appears to be in good condition when viewed from the street. This house also forms part of pair of similarly designed and constructed house in this part of McKillop Street.

The house at 70 McKillop Street is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a transitional Late Federation and interwar Bungalow style. These qualities include the complex configuration of hipped and gabled roof forms that project at the front and side, return broken back verandah under the main roofline, and the chamfered corner under the verandah. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the asymmetrical composition, predominantly single storey height with attic space, terra cotta tile roof cladding, unpainted brick wall construction, timber framed double hung windows (including the projecting rectangular bay), attic brackets and shingled balustrade (with timber framed windows and timber and glazed door within), timber framed doorway, window leadlighting, terra cotta roof finial and the decorative gable infill (panelling, brackets and timber ventilator).

The house at 70 McKillop Street is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with residential developments in Geelong in the early 20th century. In particular, this house has associations with the original owner, James Putland, who had it built in 1921.

Overall, the house at 70 McKillop Street is of LOCAL significance.

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