



156 Myers Street

History

A study of 156 Myers Street, written by Frank Camorra for the Deakin University School of Architecture and Building 1991, is held by the Geelong Historical Records Centre. According to this study, 156 Myers Street was designed and built by B. R. Berton in 1855. William Cornish was the first tenant. Between 1868 and 1890, Robert Reeves, a one time mayor of Geelong, was the owner and occupier of what was described as a brick, two storey dwelling, with seven rooms and bath. In 1899 the property was briefly in the possession of George Belcher. Over the years this residence has had a variety of different owners and occupiers.

Description

156 Myers Street is a double storey Early Victorian brick parapet building with a rear gable and skillion, which is substantially intact. The facade consists of typical Victorian window openings on the first floor, however the ground floor has a larger shop front window. The openings have simple projecting sills. The facade has unusual articulation; the bay containing the entry is slightly recessed. Because of the two entries to Myers Street, the building looks like it may have been designed as a separate shop and residence. The slate hip roof has moulded chimneys with terracotta pots. The building has a stone foundation and is sited to the street line on both frontages. A fence encloses a rear yard. An appropriate use of colour highlights the architectural features on the facade.

Significance

156 Myers Street has architectural significance at a local level. It is an example of an Early Victorian residence and shop which is substantially intact. The building retains its characteristic siting and form, with a number of notable Victorian details including typical window openings, projecting sills, a slate hip roof, and moulded chimneys.