

GEELONG CITY 'C' CITATIONS

Site Name: Residence

Project File No: 1086

Address: 210 Myers Street Geelong 3220

Approx. Date: 1914

Integrity: Moderate-High

Significance Level: C (Local)

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History

This site at 210 Myers Street, Geelong, is located on part of Allotments 4 and 5, Section 72, of the 1881 Geelong Town Plan. The land was originally owned by James Gattie Carr. Other early owners were William Croll and James Cowie.

In 1914, a 5 roomed weatherboard house, with bathroom, pantry, washhouse and land, was built at this site by Charles William Dudderidge, a carpenter. In 1917, householder, Emily Seward, purchased the residence and added a sixth room. She was owner/occupier of the house until the 1950s, by which time the house had undergone several internal alterations. The new resident owner in the mid 1950s was Antonio Costa, fruiterer.

Description

The house at 210 Myers Street, Geelong, has a modest front setback and narrow side setbacks. The front garden is rudimentary, with some perimeter garden beds and shrubs and grassed areas. The front is bound by an introduced tapestry brick fence and open steel gate which are approximately 1100 mm high.

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The symmetrical, single storey, horizontal weatherboard, Edwardian styled house is characterised by a recessed hipped roof form, together with a projecting verandah gable and flanking hipped verandahs. These roof forms are clad in galvanised corrugated steel. Two early unpainted brick chimneys with white-rendered bands, projecting cappings and terra cotta pots adorn the roofline. Modest overhangs with exposed timber rafters are features of the eaves.

An early feature of the design is the front verandah gable and side hipped verandahs. They are supported by timber columns and are decorated with timber fretwork valances and timber brackets. The projecting gable has an arched fretwork valance. The concrete verandah floor has been introduced.

At the front there is also an early projecting rectangular bay of timber framed casements with leadlighted highlights. The other rear side windows also appear to be early, being timber framed and double hung. An early timber framed doorway with panelled timber door having sidelights and highlights is situated to one side under the recessed hipped roof. The sidelights also have early timber base panels.

Another early decorative feature of the design is the gable infill (timber brackets, timber shingling, battening and panelling).

Statement of Cultural Significance

The house at 210 Myers Street has significance as a relatively intact example of the Edwardian style. Built in 1914 by the carpenter, Charles Dudderidge, it appears to be in good condition when viewed from the street.

The house at 210 Myers 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 projecting verandah gable and flanking hipped verandahs. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the symmetrical composition, single storey height, horizontal weatherboard wall cladding, galvanised corrugated steel roof cladding, two unpainted brick chimneys with white-rendered bands, projecting cappings and terra cotta pots, modest eaves with exposed timber rafters, timber verandah columns, timber verandah fretwork valances and timber brackets including the arched fretwork valance under the projecting gable and at the ends of the flanking hipped verandahs, projecting rectangular bay of timber framed casements with leadlighted highlights, other timber framed double hung windows, timber framed doorway with panelled timber door and sidelights and highlights, and the decorative gable infill (timber brackets, timber shingling and battening and panelling).

The house at 210 Myers Street is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with residential developments in Geelong during the Edwardian (c.1890-1915) period. In particular, this house has associations with the carpenter and original owner, Charles Dudderidge from 1914.

Overall, the house at 210 Myers Street is of LOCAL significance.

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