

GEELONG CITY 'C' CITATIONS

Site Name: Residence

Project File No: 1094

Address: 8 Normanby Street East Geelong 3219

Approx. Date: 1913-14

Integrity: Moderate-High

Significance Level: C (Local)

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History

This site at 8 Normanby Street, East Geelong, is located in Section 92A of the Town Plan of Geelong of 1881.

A weatherboard house was built at this location in 1913-14 for Ivo Scott, a clerk, who had purchased the land in 1911 or 1912 from Frank Lizard, gentleman, of Sydney Avenue. The house consisted of 6 rooms, with a bathroom pantry and scullery. Misses Christina, Isabella and Margaret McKenzie purchased the property in c.1920, and, within the next few years, made internal alterations to the house, reducing the number of rooms to 5. They lived there until the early 1940s, when the residence was sold to Andrew John Craig, an accountant, who carried out extensive sanitary work. In the period after 1954, the property passed through the hands of Ethel, John and Joan Duthie, then Olly Leslie and Georgette Bamford, and, finally, Beatrice Margaret Brownworth, of 94 Pleasant Road, Upper Hawthorn. It was then purchased by Charles Robert and Joyce Elizabeth Brunton of 8 Guthrie Avenue, Geelong West, in 1958. The house appears to have been extended c.1955, as the Ormond Ward Rate Books described it as a 6-roomed weatherboard house from about this time.

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Description

The house at 8 Normanby Street, East Geelong, is set on a contextually wide allotment for the local area. This house has an average sized front setback, and one wide side setback, with a mature front landscape of native and exotic trees and perimeter flower beds. The front is bound by a timber picket fence and gate that are approximately 1500 mm high.

The predominantly single storey, asymmetrical, horizontal weatherboard, Edwardian styled house is characterised by a dominant gable roof form on an east-west axis, together with two minor gables that projects towards the front and at the side (towards the rear), and a return hipped roof verandah formed under the main gable. These roof forms are clad in green corrugated Colorbond. Wide overhangs with exposed timber rafters are features of the eaves.

A particular feature of the design are the projecting bowed bays under the minor gables with conical roofs. These bays have early banks of timber framed casement windows with highlights above. The other timber framed windows at the front are also early, as is the boxed timber framed double hung windows on the south facade and the front timber framed doorway.

Another early feature of the design is the return verandah. It is supported by grouped timber columns (with timber geometric fretwork between), and has an early weatherboard balustrade. The projecting gables also feature stuccoed gabled infill, while there an early skillion dormer in the main gable. The decorative window leadlighting is also early.

Statement of Cultural Significance

The house at 8 Normanby Street, East Geelong, has significance as a predominantly intact example of the Edwardian style. Built in 1913-14 for Ivo Scott, the house appears to be in good condition when viewed from the street.

The house at 8 Normanby Street is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. It demonstrates original design qualities of the Edwardian style. These qualities include the dominant gable roof form on an east-west axis, together with two minor gables that projects towards the front and at the side (towards the rear), and the return hipped roof verandah formed under the main gable. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the asymmetrical composition, predominantly single storey height, horizontal weatherboard wall cladding, corrugated profile to the roof cladding, wide eaves with exposed timber rafters, projecting bowed bays under the minor gables with conical roofs, bayed banks of timber framed casement windows with highlights above, other timber framed windows at the front, side boxed timber framed double hung windows, front timber framed doorway, grouped timber verandah columns (with timber geometric fretwork between), weatherboard verandah balustrade, stuccoed gabled infill, skillion dormer in the main gable, and the decorative window leadlighting. The front timber picket fence and front garden also contribute to the significance of the place.

The house at 8 Normanby Street is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with residential developments in East Geelong during the Edwardian period (c.1890-1915). In particular, this house has associations with Ivo Scott, clerk and original owner who had it built in 1913-14.

Overall, the house at 8 Normanby Street is of LOCAL significance.

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