

## GEELONG CITY 'C' CITATIONS

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**Site Name:** Residence

**Project File No:** 1096

**Address:** 52 Normanby Street East Geelong 3219

**Approx. Date:** 1912

**Integrity:** Moderate-High

**Significance Level:** C (Local)

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### History

This site at 52 Normanby Street, East Geelong, is located on Lot 31 LP5487, which is on part of Crown Allotment 3, Section 97, of the Geelong Town Plan of 1881.

A weatherboard house, consisting of 5 rooms with a bathroom, was erected at this location in 1912 for William Farquar, a warder. A washhouse and pantry were added in 1913-14. Farquar appears to have died in 1915, as the property passed to Lily Germaine Farquar, householder. She continued to live there for another 35 years until the property was purchased in the 1950s by William Frederick McDonald, a station manager.

### Description

The house at 52 Normanby Street, East Geelong, is set on an average-sized allotment for the local area. The house has a typical front setback of approximately 5-6 metres, and narrow side setbacks. The front garden consists of perimeter garden beds including some mature shrubs and grassed areas. The front is bound by a timber picket fence and gate that are approximately 1300 mm high.

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

At the front are early timber framed casement windows, and the timber framed central doorway also appears to be early.

A feature of the design is the front verandah formed under the projecting gable and hipped roof. It is supported by introduced square timber columns and has decorative Art Nouveau timber fretwork valances and shallow-arched timber brackets. The projecting gable also has early timber fretwork arches.

Other early decorative features of the design include the timber shingling and brackets in the gable infill.

There is also a timber and glazed infill wall to one side of the projecting gable.

### **Statement of Cultural Significance**

The house at 52 Normanby Street, East Geelong, has significance as a predominantly intact example of the Edwardian style. Built in 1912 for William Farquar, a warder, the house appears to be in good condition when viewed from the street.

The house at 52 Normanby Street is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. It demonstrates original design qualities of the Edwardian style. These qualities include the recessed broad hipped roof form, together with the gable, minor gable 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, two unpainted pressed red brick chimneys with white-rendered bands and terra cotta pots, modest eaves, timber framed casement windows at the front, central timber framed doorway, square timber verandah columns, decorative Art Nouveau timber fretwork verandah valances and shallow-arched timber brackets, timber fretwork arches under the projecting gable, and the gable infill (timber shingling and brackets). The front timber picket fence also contributes to the significance of the place.

The house at 52 Normanby Street is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with residential developments in East Geelong during the Edwardian (c.1890-1915) period. In particular, this house has associations with William Farquar, a warder and original owner who had it built in 1912.

Overall, the house at 52 Normanby Street is of LOCAL significance.

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