

74 Swanston Street

History

According to information supplied by Cliff Wenlock, Valuer for the City of Greater Geelong, 20 April 1995, this dwelling was originally built on the old Geelong Grammar School site in McKillop Street. Visual inspection suggests this house was constructed in the Early Victorian period. In approximately 1910 the City Council purchased this weatherboard cottage and transported it to its new site in Swanston Street. The City Council owns the building but the actual site it occupies is Crown land gazetted for municipal use. The Council used this property to house its works manager or city foreman. Henry Dodds a council employee resided at this address in 1911. The building is still used by the Council in the present day as a residence for its works manager.

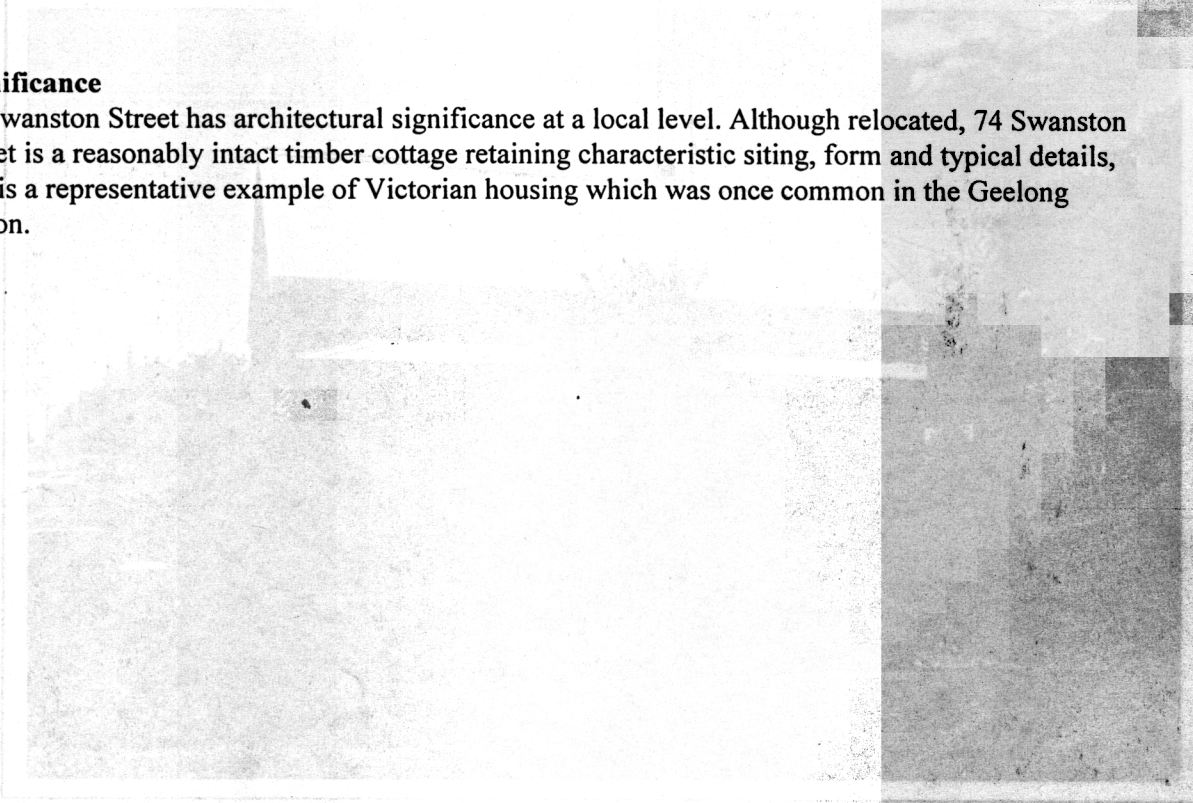
Description

This reasonably intact double fronted cottage has a symmetrical facade constructed of weatherboard, and a steep gable roof with a rear skillion. The hipped corrugated iron skillion verandah with simple timber posts and timber valance are appropriate to the style of the building. Notable details include the delicate timber barge board on the south facade of the house. Typical double hung sash windows with four panes are positioned on either side of the entrance, and a chimney with terracotta pots protrudes from the roof. The brick fence at the front of the site is not appropriate to the style of the residence. The front door now has a security door, and the roof has been recently reclad. The verandah floor is concrete, however it is likely that it was originally timber. An outbuilding of the same period is found at the rear of the site. 74 Swanston Street has a small garden at the front, and forms part of the residential streetscape.

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Significance

74 Swanston Street has architectural significance at a local level. Although relocated, 74 Swanston Street is a reasonably intact timber cottage retaining characteristic siting, form and typical details, and is a representative example of Victorian housing which was once common in the Geelong region.



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History
According to information received from the City of Geelong, the building was originally built on the site of the former school site in Melbourne Street. Visual inspection of the building indicates that it was constructed approximately 1910. The City of Geelong purchased the site and transported it to its new site in Swanston Street. The building was relocated to its present site in 1911. The building was used as a residence for the City of Geelong until 1911. The building is still used by the Council in its present use.

Description
This reasonably intact house is a two-story timber cottage with a steep gabled roof and a chimney. The building is constructed of timber and features a variety of decorative details. The front of the building is characterized by a prominent entrance porch with a gabled roof. The building is situated on a street corner and is surrounded by trees and other structures. The building is in good condition and retains its original character.