

BELLARINE HERITAGE STUDY RECORD SHEET

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Address 1350	Murradoc Rd	St. Leonards	3223	254
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Key Dates: Original Major Changes

Existing Use/Type

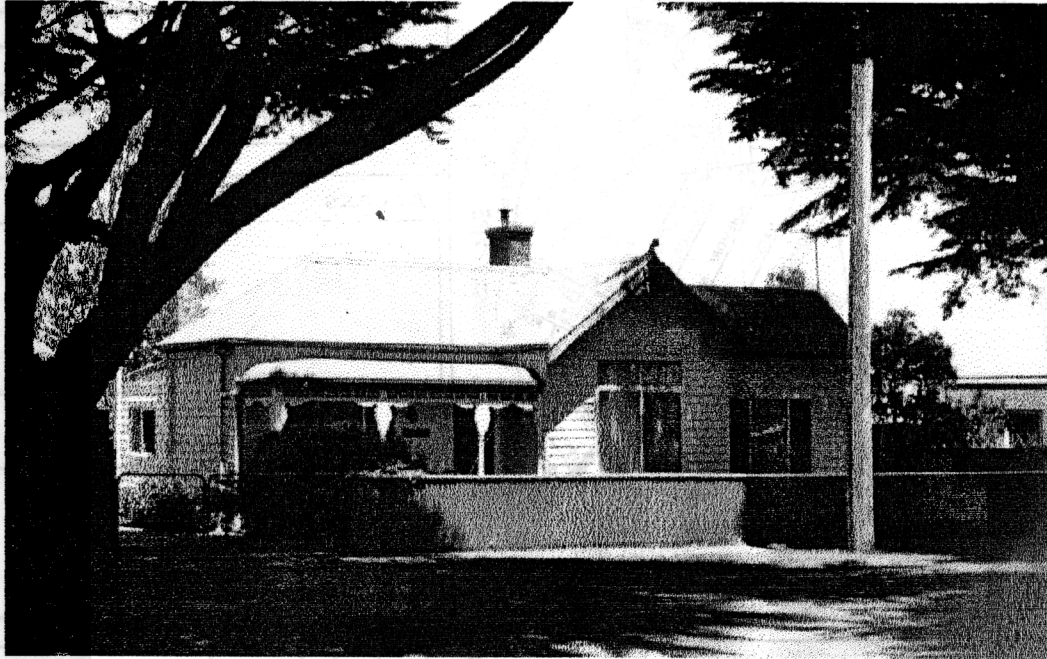
Precinct Name

Survey Date

Neg. No.

Video Track No.

Recorded By



Heritage Status:

CATEGORY REGISTRATION NUMBER

National Estate:

Nominated

Registered

Historic Buildings Register

Nominated

Registered

National Trust Register:

Planning Scheme:

Historical Archaeological Register :

Other:

BHS Degree of Significance

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Condition of the fabric:

Excellent Good

Fair Poor

Ruinous Unexposed

Integrity of the site:

Excellent Good

Fair Poor

Partially excavated

Fully excavated

Present Threats:

Human; mining

Human; visitor erosion

Human; vandalism

Human; development

Human; conservation/maintenance

Human; stock

Natural Forces; erosion

Natural Forces; vegetation

Not threatened

Significant Architectural Features:

Original Materials

Original Chimneys

Wall Decoration

Verandah Structure

Verandah Decoration

Original Parapet

other prominent elevations

Original Roof

Original Openings

Original Decoration

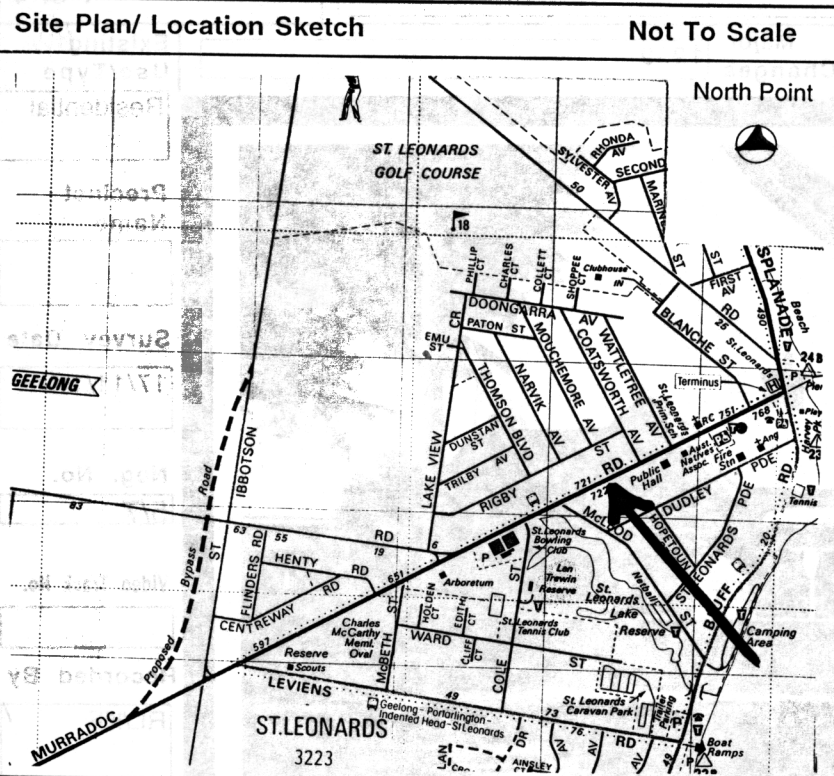
Original Finish

Early Garden

Early Fence

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Australian Map Grid Co-ordinates

E 299500 N 5772340

Map Melways map 241

Scale 1: 20,000

Access

Informants

Ownership:

Crown Private

Resident owner Occupier only

Local Govt Area City of Greater Geelong

Cadastral Location:

County Grant

Parish Paywit

Allotment L P 5058 Lot 7

Block

Physical Description of Site:

The late Victorian residence is a triple fronted, timber frame and weatherboard clad structure weatherboard with one central red brick chimney. It has been recently renovated with new paint colours of yellow cream with darker trim.

The building is made up of a main hipped roof section, with a central projecting gable and a later hipped roof extension to the north-west. The north elevation bullnosed verandah has a separate roof clad in corrugated iron, with decorative turned timber posts, brackets and fretwork. The two double-hung timber frame windows and the central timber door on the north elevation appear to be original. The projecting gable has a scrolled finial, plain timber bargeboards, and a central aluminium frame window. The newer extension to the west also has an aluminium framed window.

Relevant Special Interest Groups:

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Types of Sites:

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Historical Themes:

Early Settlement <input type="text"/> Maritime <input type="text"/> Tourism <input type="text"/> Workforce <input type="text"/> Townships <input type="text"/>	Communities <input type="text"/> Landscapes <input type="text"/> The Wider World <input type="text" value="Communication"/> Cultural Activity <input type="text"/> Miscellaneous <input type="text"/>
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History of Site/Object/Place:

Postal services in St. Leonards were conducted from the hotel until it was burnt down in the early 1900s. A Post Office was then located on the hill near the foreshore just north of the Pier with Patrick Corrigan as the postmaster.(1)

The Murradoc Rd building housed the St. Leonards post office at its original location on the hill of the foreshore north of the pier. (see additional information) It was built in the early 1920s replacing the first post office on the same site. The post master was Patrick Corrigan, he was assisted by his daughters. (2)

In June 1939 the building was relocated to Murradoc Road and the postal services conducted from the right section of the now private home. Mrs. Ruby Corrigan, daughter-in-law of Patrick, was now the post mistress and she operated the service until 1946 when she resigned due to ill health.(3)

References:

- 1.Clark J.A *Brief History of the St. Leonards Post Office*. n.d.
- 2.*Weekly Times* August 31, 1935
- 3.Clark J. op cit and Sands and McDougall directory 1912, 1918

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Statement of Cultural Significance:

The former St Leonards Post Office was built in the early 1920s and incorporated post office and residence. There has been a later addition to the building.

It is of historic and social significance to the local St Leonard's community.

The former St Leonards Post Office was built on the foreshore above the pier in the 1920s replacing an earlier post office on the same site. In June 1939 the Post Office was relocated to its present site in Murradoc Road with a new section being added to accommodate the postal services. The building was associated with postal services in two Bellarine Peninsula communities and the Corrigan family operated the postal services on both sites for over 25 years. The building is now a residence.

It is of LOCAL cultural significance.

Additional Information