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Description

The site at 39 Flinders Parade has visual connections with the tea-tree reserve on the east side of the street, and with the significant focus of the Barwon River (to the east). This house has a sizeable front setback but typical side setbacks. These setbacks are shown on the 1979 BHSA Plan of Drainage. ⁵ The front is bound by an inappropriate, timber paling fence, approximately 1800mm high. Substantial Norfolk pine trees are situated at the front (east) of the property.

The symmetrical, two storey, horizontal weatherboard Edwardian style house is characterised by a several interlocking gable roof forms, clad in galvanised corrugated iron. Two projecting flat roofed bay windows with minor gables flank the building, with an original central gable which is penetrated by a recent second storey gable addition. Two early brick corbelled chimneys adorn the roofline, and the unpainted chimney has a terra cotta pot. This chimney possibly dates from 1890-91, while the painted chimney may have been extended when the second storey additions were carried out. The early timber framed bay windows appear to have highlights which may be leadlighted.

A feature of the design is the flat roofed projecting verandah located in the centre of the house. It is supported by early worked timber posts, with worked brackets and fretwork valance.

Apart from the verandah elements, other early decorative features of the design include the flying gables to the flanking wings, notably the shingling and worked timber elements.

History

The site at 39 Flinders Parade originally formed part of the Crown Grant first owned by Alexander Cameron McDonald from 28 January, 1865. On 13 May, 1870, this land was sold to John Middlemiss, but was possibly purchased by Frederick Challis, farmer, on 13 January, 1876. On 30 March, 1891, this block formed lots 22-23, Section 3, as part of the large subdivision carried out by the Barwon Heads Estate Company Limited. These allotments were sold to John Daniel, ironmonger, who had a weatherboard house built in 1891. Daniel also had a boat shed built on the foreshore in front of his property. With his death in 1905, the property was passed on to his son?, Arthur Frederick Daniel, also an ironmonger. He owned the house for about five years, before selling it to Dr A. Sheppard and Mrs Amy Gertrude Grimwade in 1911-12. The Grimwades carried out extensive alterations and additions to the house at this time. Dr Grimwade was a medical practitioner in Geelong, and he and his wife lived at "Keerie Kara" in Ryrie Street (the site of the present Geelong Private Hospital). At one time Dr Grimwade was commodore of the Royal Geelong Yacht Club, while Mrs Grimwade 'had the unique distinction of being the only lady member of any yacht club in the Commonwealth in recognition of her services', for she also shared her husband's enthusiasm for yachting. The sale of this property in c.1931 resulted from Mrs Grimwade's passing (Dr Grimwade had died in the late 1920s). By 1989 it was owned by Banj Properties, and it was possibly at this time when the original middle single storey gable was removed and a second storey gable extension added.

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Statement of Cultural Significance

The house at 39 Flinders Parade is **aesthetically** significant at a **REGIONAL** level. Although altered, this house still demonstrates original design qualities of the Edwardian style. These qualities include the interlocking gable roof forms, clad in galvanised corrugated iron, whereby two projecting gabled wings flank the building, with remnants of a major gable present in the centre (that has been altered into a second storey gable). Other intact qualities include the two brick corbelled painted and unpainted chimneys (the unpainted chimney has a terra cotta pot), timber framed bay windows which appear to have leadlighted highlights, flat roofed projecting verandah supported by worked timber posts with worked brackets and fretwork valance, flying gables shingling and worked timber elements. The substantial Norfolk pine trees contribute to the significance of the place.

The house at 39 Flinders Parade is *historically* significant at a **REGIONAL** level. It is associated with former owners, Dr and Mrs Grimwade, prominent figures in Geelong in medical and yachting circles. The house is also *historically* significant at a **LOCAL** level for its associations with the Barwon Heads Estate Company Limited subdivision of 30 March, 1891.

Overall, the house at 39 Flinders Parade is of **REGIONAL** significance.

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