City of Geelong Urban Conservation Study Locally Significant Sites

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5 Balliang Street

History

The 1900 rate books list George Carey, a printer, as the initial owner and occupier of this five room weatherboard cottage. Carey continued to reside at this address until 1928. Subsequently the property passed through the hands of a number of different owners and occupiers.

Description

This double fronted Victorian cottage has a symmetrical facade constructed of weatherboard, and a simple corrugated iron hipped roof with a skillion at the rear. The recent brick and iron fence, and brick front to the concrete verandah, are later additions which are not suited to the style and detract from the overall appearance. The bullnose verandah, carved timber posts and brackets, and verandah fence appear to be an Edwardian renovation although the cladding material is new. Typical double hung sash windows are positioned on either side of the central entrance. The door is a four panel Victorian type with sidelights and a highlight, both featuring stained glass. The residence is difficult to view from the street.

Significance

5 Balliang Street has architectural significance at a local level. The building is a typical and representative example of Victorian housing with an Edwardian verandah renovation. The house is reasonably intact, retaining its characteristic form, siting, and a number of original features.