City of Geelong Urban Conservation Study Locally Significant Sites

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75 Fyans Street

History

This property makes its first appearance in the rate books in 1866. A Mrs Wylie was the registered owner of this four room weatherboard cottage. The Wylie family continued to be associated with 75 Fyans Street until 1906 when Jane Wylie appears as the listed owner and occupier. Following this date the property passed through the hands of many different owners and tenants.

Description

This Mid Victorian double fronted cottage with rear skillion has a symmetrical facade constructed of weatherboards, and a simple gable roof which has been recently reclad. The corrugated iron skillion verandah has simple timber posts, a timber valance and brackets which are appropriate to the style of the house and appear to be substantially original timbers. Typical double hung sash windows are positioned on either side of the central entrance with highlight. Exposed caves brackets decorate the fascia. The verandah floor is concrete however it would originally have been timber. The house is reputed to be attached to an older house, however this is not visible from the street. The fence at the front of the site is not appropriate to the style of the house. The building is reasonably intact and forms part of the residential streetscape.

Significance

75 Fyans Street has architectural significance at a local level. The building is a representative and reasonably intact example of a Mid Victorian timber cottage, a housing type once common in the Geolong region. The building retains its characteristic siting, form and details including timber skillion verandah, typical window openings, and decorative eaves brackets. The building forms part of the residential streetscape.