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This sheet should be read in conjunction with Gracme Butler & Associates, Geelong City Urban Conservation Study, Vol. 1-5, 1991.



158 Gheringhap Street

History

The rate books do not provide a clear indication as to the exact construction date for this dwelling. The rate book evidence does suggest, however, that in 1869 Samuel Dodds was living at this address and the dwelling was owned by a Miss Craig. The residence was described as a four room weatherboard cottage with kitchen. By 1876, Albert Bartlett who owned and lived in the property next door had gained ownership of 158 Gheringhap Street. By 1912 Albert Bartlett had relinquished ownership and in subsequent years the property has passed through the hands of numerous owners and occupiers.

Description

This Early Victorian double fronted cottage has a symmetrical facade constructed of weatherboards, and a simple gable roof. The corrugated iron skillion verandah is hipped in form. Its simple timber posts, fence and timber valance are appropriate to the style of the building, and appear to be substantially original timbers. Typical double hung sash windows are positioned on either side of the entrance with highlight above. The door is a later alteration. A rendered flat top chimney protrudes from the roof. The building is sited with the verandah to the footpath, has a high degree of integrity and forms part of the residential streetscape.

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Significance

158 Gheringhap Street has architectural and historic significance at a local level. It is a representative example of Early Victorian housing which was once common in the Geelong region and has a high degree of integrity. The building retains its characteristic siting, form, and original timber details. The building forms part of the residential streetscape. It has a historical association of almost forty years with Albert Bartlett who owned the neighbouring property.