

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



## **Victorian Railways Institute 195 Latrobe Terrace**

### **History**

According to Leo Harrigan's book *Victorian Railways to '62* p196, the Victorian Railways Institute began operations in Flinders Street in 1910. The Institute offered railway employees training courses and a place for social relaxation. Railway employees could undertake short courses in subjects such as accountancy, first aid and railway procedures. The Institute also operated as a social club and members were charged a modest joining fee. In 1920 regional centres such as the Geelong branch were established. According to information supplied by Trevor Whitten, current secretary of the Geelong Branch of the Victorian Railways Institute, a portion of the buildings occupying the Latrobe Terrace site were originally built on railway land in Pakington Street. In the early 1930s these dwellings were removed to the Latrobe Terrace site. Saturday night dances conducted at the Railway Institute Buildings have been a feature of Geelong's social life for many decades.

### **Description**

195 Latrobe Terrace is a group of timber Bungalow structures retaining a high degree of integrity. The main buildings are typically symmetrical with large corrugated iron roofs with projecting gables, and overhanging eaves. Notable details include double hung sash windows and casement windows, large decorative timber eaves brackets, and large roof ventilators above a half timbered effect in the gables. The entrance is in an attached box form at the side of the main building. The building stands above the street on a prominent corner site and has a rear skillion and collection of adjoining structures, largely from the same period and using the same materials.

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**Significance**

195 Latrobe Terrace has architectural, historic, and social significance at a local level. It is a representative example of timber Bungalow architecture in the Geelong region. The buildings retain their characteristic form, as well as typical Bungalow details including large decorative brackets and roof ventilators, projecting gables and large corrugated iron roofs. The corner siting of the buildings in a prominent location make the complex an important streetscape feature. The structure has historical associations with the Victorian Railways Institute and it is of social importance to the local railway workers.