City of Geelong Urban Conservation Study Locally Significant Sites

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6 Little Maud Street

History

Visual inspection suggests that the construction date for this dwelling is circa 1860. However, prior to 1896, the rate books do not provide a clear indication of the ownership of this building. Further historical research is required in order to establish the exact date of construction and the early history of this dwelling. In 1896 the rate books list the owner of this four roomed weatherboard dwelling as Richard Horsley. In 1942 the property was still within the possession of the Horsley family with Harriet Horsley the listed owner. After 1942 there has been a succession of different owners. The Horsley family owned a number of properties in the area including 100 Maud Street.

Description

6 Little Maud Street is a symmetrical double fronted timber cottage with a rear skillion. The residence features a corrugated iron M-shaped gabled roof, and simple convex verandah, as well as typical Early Victorian details including double hung sash windows, timber verandah posts, and iron lacework. The building is surrounded by a garden and has a timber fence along the front of the site which is not appropriate to the style of the building. A more sympathetic colour scheme would enhance the building.

Significance

6 Little Maud Street is a locally significant property of architectural and historic importance. It is a representative example of Early Victorian housing of a type which was once common in inner Geolong. The house is substantially intact, retaining its characteristic form and a number of typical Victorian features. It has historical associations with the Horsley family, owners of several local properties.