City of Geelong Urban Conservation Study Locally Significant Sites

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306 Moorabool Street

History

In 1925 the rate books list John O'Brien as the owner of this allotment. The year 1928 provides the first listing of a brick six room dwelling at this address. John O'Brien was the listed owner occupier of the property which remained in O'Brien's possession for the next twenty five years. In 1950 John O'Brien now retired, still lived at this address. A Mrs. K O'Brien was living at number 306 in the 1970's.

Description

306 Moorabool Street is a substantially intact Bungalow brick residence. The main feature of the building is a large gable roof hipped above the attic storey window and clad with terracotta tiles. A simple chimney projects from the ridge of the roof. The facade has large decorative timber brackets, and an entrance portico with masonry piers and painted brick details. The double hung casement windows at the side of the house feature lead light glazing, while on the front facade an aluminium framed window has replaced the original. The red brick pier and iron fence at the front of the house is a later addition.

Significance

306 Moorabool Street has architectural and historic significance at a local level. It is a representative and substantially intact example of a brick Bungalow, a common housing type in Geelong early this century. The residence retains characteristic form, siting, and a large gable roof hipped above the attic storey, as well as some Federation Bungalow details. It has historical associations with John O'Brien who occupied the address for over twenty five years.