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479 Ryrie Street

History

The 1916 rate books list Richard and Joseph Goehagen as the owners of a number of allotments at the eastern end of Ryrie Street. In 1917 Richard Goehagen began construction of this brick house on one of those allotments. The dwelling was not completed until 1920 when Caroline Hay appears as the first owner and occupier of this residence. Caroline Hay retained ownership of this five room brick building until at least 1929. Subsequently the property has had a number of different owners and occupiers.

Description

479 Ryrie Street is a brick Late Federation residence showing some Bungalow influences with a high degree of integrity. The asymmetrical double fronted facade features prominent gables at the front and side, a central entrance, a Federation style return verandah, and a large corrugated iron hip roof. Notable details include the roof ventilator and unusual carved timber verandah posts positioned on a lower brick and concrete verandah balustrade. The gables feature pressed metal and timber infill and decorative barge boards. The windows consist of pairs of narrow double hung sash windows. Cream rendered string courses and bands wrap around the facades. At the rear of the residence is a skillion which is appropriate to the style of the building. Other details include the brick and render chimneys and the unusual ridge capping. The fence at the front of the house is a later addition.

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Significance

479 Ryrie Street has architectural significance at a local level. It is a representative example of a brick Late Federation residence with some Bungalow influences, a common housing type in Geelong early this century. The residence retains characteristic form, siting, and notable verandah and gable details and has a high degree of integrity. 479 Ryrie Street forms part of the residential streetscape.