City of Geelong Urban Conservation Study Locally Significant Sites

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75 Sydney Parade

History

According to the 1936 rate books, Francis McHugh, an engine driver, was the owner of a partially built brick house located at this address. The dwelling was completed by 1939 and the rate books now shoe McHugh living in this six room, brick residence. McHugh resided at 75 Sydney Parade until 1972. Subsequently the property passed through the hands of several different owners and occupiers.

Description

75 Sydney Parade is a substantially intact Inter-War brick residence. The building is asymmetrical and has a large hip roof clad in terracotta tiles with a projecting gable at the front of the house. The facade features a faceted bay with double hung casement windows with lead light glazing, and bichromatic brickwork. The central entrance porch displays this decorative tapestry brickwork. The brick fence at the front of the residence appears to be the original, however, the iron railings fixed to the bricks are a later addition. A brick chimney protrudes from the roof.

Significance

75 Sydney Parade has architectural significance at a local level. The building is a representative example of brick Inter-War housing, once common in the Geelong region. The building retains its characteristic siting, form and unusual brick details. It has historical associations with Francis McHugh who occupied the building from 1936 until 1972.