



38-40 Western Beach Road

History

The 1892 rate books list William Olive as the owner of 38-40 Western Beach Road. The twin residences which constitute this property were both described as brick six room dwellings with bath. By 1927 the property was in the possession of Florence and Lillian Rutland. Miss Florence Rutland continued to reside at 40 Western Beach Road until at least 1962. Subsequently the property has passed through the hands of several different owners.

Description

38-40 Western Beach Road is a mirrored pair of asymmetrical double fronted brick parapet Late Victorian buildings with a reasonably high degree of integrity. The rendered facades feature projecting bays with double hung sash windows. Unusual details include the decorative parapet with balustrade, heavy cornice, corbelled chimneys and quoins on both sides of the bays. The concave verandah has slender timber columns with a heavy iron valance and brackets. Both entrances are central and have sidelights and highlights with stained glass. The buildings sit on a bluestone plinth, and have concrete verandah floors and a small timber verandah balustrade which is similar in style to the parapet details above. On the side of the residences the windows have slight brick arches. The roof is a hip and there is a skillion at the rear.

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Significance

38-40 Western Beach Road has architectural significance at a local level. The building is a representative example of Late Victorian housing, a type which was once common in the Geelong region. It is an unusual mirrored pair of houses which are prominent in the streetscape. The residences have a high degree of integrity and retain characteristic siting, form and Late Victorian details including a decorative parapet, lacework, and faceted bays. The building forms part of the residential streetscape.