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181 Yarra Street

History

181 Yarra Street was constructed in 1910. The first owner and occupant of this five room weatherboard dwelling was Elizabeth Matheson. In 1925 the property passed out of the hands of the Matheson family and has since had a variety of owners and occupants.

Description

181 Yarra Street is an unusual Federation style residence with a high degree of integrity. The building is a detached, single storey structure and features a prominent front gable protruding from a steep hip roof. The asymmetrical timber facade has notable windows with thin outer architraves and a side entrance with a lead light glass door. A Federation style return timber verandah with circular posts, wall shingles on the valance, and Art Nouveau curvilinear fretwork provide the decoration. Other details include timber brackets, and a half timbered effect in the gable. Red brick chimneys with rendered mouldings protrude from the roof. The timber framed wire fence with a substantial hedge enhances the presentation of the house in the streetscape.

Significance

181 Yarra Street has architectural significance at a local level. It is a typical example of a Federation style residence with a high degree of integrity. The building retains its characteristic siting and form, as well as a number of notable details including a Federation style return timber verandah, Art Nouveau curvilinear fretwork and a timber fence and hedge.