

CITY OF GEELONG WEST

URBAN CONSERVATION STUDY: BUILDING IDENTIFICATION FORM.

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1986

BUILDING ADDRESS

356 Alcedon St.

Type

R

Original Use

R

PRESENT BUILDING TITLE

Wimmera (formerly Tamar)

EXISTING DESIGNATION
& FILE No.HBR
No.☐NER
No.☐NTC
FN 189☐GRC
No. 255☐

GRADING

A

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B

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E

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S

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STREETSCAPE LEVEL

1

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2

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3

☒CONSERVATION
AREA☐

SURVEY DATE

21/6

NEG. FILE

047-035

PERIOD

Early Victorian

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Victorian

☐

Late Victorian

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Edwardian

☐

Inter War

☐

Post War

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MATERIALS

walls

Stucco

roof

slate



CONSTRUCTION DATE

1852/60

source G.A.

22/6/1858

7/2/1860

SIGNIFICANT FEATURES

original materials

☒early paint colour scheme or original
unpainted finish☐

ornamental wall detailing

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original doors, windows, hoods

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intact verandah / porch structure

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original parapet

☐

original roof form and finish

☒

original chimneys

☒eaves roof or gable
decoration☒

intact verandah decoration

☐

early fence

☐

early garden

☐other prominent contributing
elevations☐☐☐

INTEGRITY RATING

excellent

☐

good

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fair

☐

poor

☐

ALTERATIONS & SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

No.

Sympathetic

S.G.

Inappropriate

S.G.

Extremely Inappropriate

			original east verandah have been removed		

o : reinstate original design

r : remove

s : reinstate sympathetic alternative

ram : remove by approved method

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CITATION & HISTORY

'Tamar' was designed by architects Backhouse and Reynolds, for Mr. John Honeychurch Down, and renamed 'Wimmera' by a subsequent owner William H. Lloyd (1883-1913). It was owned from 1950-1973 by the Education Dept, and in recent years has been restored.

Wimmera is a two-storey rendered brick residence in the Italianate Style by notable Geelong architects Backhouse and Reynolds, and is a particularly fine example of their work. Apart from the removal of the east verandah (now rebuilt) it survives in good condition with high integrity.

Statement of Significance

One of very few large villas in Geelong West dating from the early period of development. One of Backhouse & Reynolds' best surviving works and the only example of these architects' work in Geelong West. Its significance is enhanced by its high integrity and extensive garden setting.

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