

BELLARINE HERITAGE STUDY RECORD SHEET

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Address 203	Newcombe St	Portarlinton	3223	233
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Key Dates: Original Major Changes

Existing Use/Type

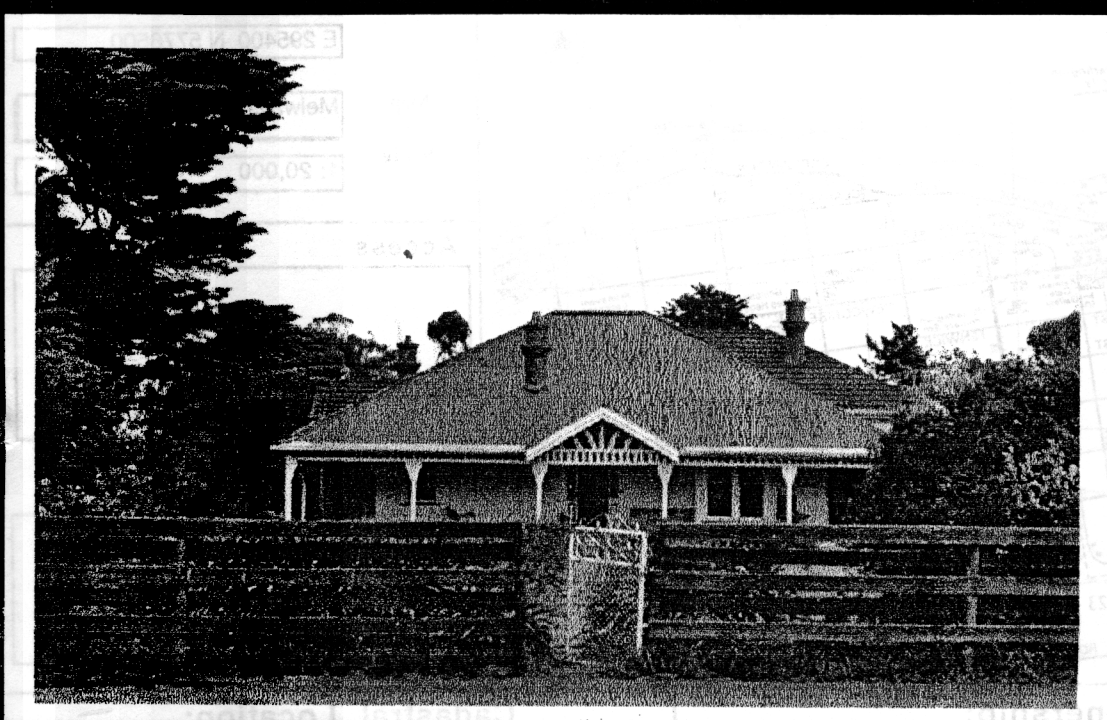
Precinct Name

Survey Date

Neg. No.

Video Track No.

Recorded By



Heritage Status:

CATEGORY REGISTRATION NUMBER

National Estate:

Nominated

Registered

Historic Buildings Register

Nominated

Registered

National Trust Register:

Planning Scheme:

Historical Archaeological Register :

Other:

BHS Degree of Significance

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Condition of the fabric:

Excellent Good

Fair Poor

Ruinous Unexposed

Integrity of the site:

Excellent Good

Fair Poor

Partially excavated

Fully excavated

Present Threats:

Human; mining

Human; visitor erosion

Human; vandalism

Human; development

Human; conservation/maintenance

Human; stock

Natural Forces; erosion

Natural Forces; vegetation

Not threatened

Significant Architectural Features:

Original Materials

Original Chimneys

Wall Decoration

Verandah Structure

Verandah Decoration

Original Parapet

other prominent elevations

Original Roof

Original Openings

Original Decoration

Original Finish

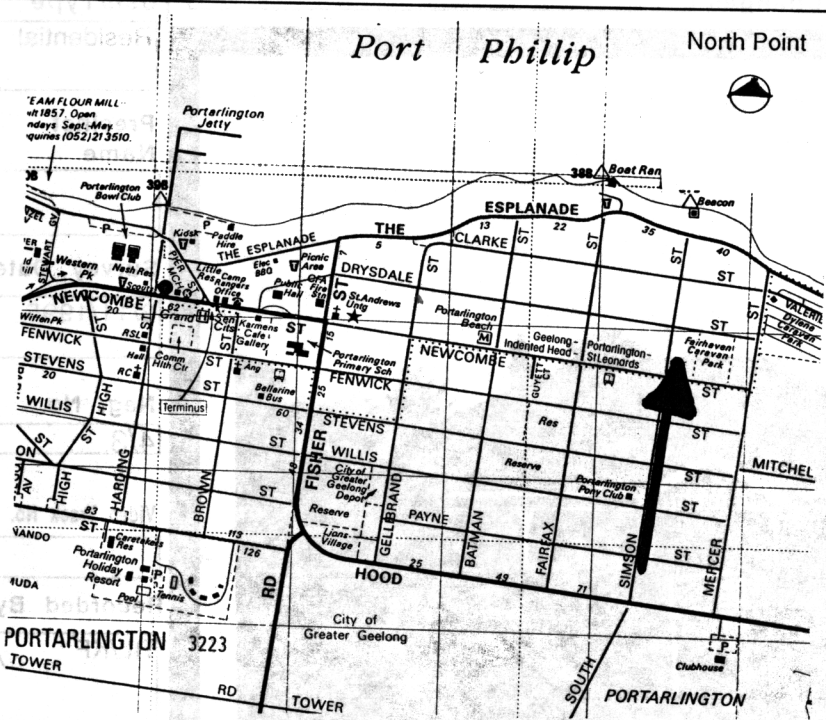
Early Garden

Early Fence

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Site Plan/ Location Sketch Not To Scale



Australian Map Grid Co-ordinates

E 295400 N 5778500
Map Melways map 239
Scale 1: 20,000

Access

Informants

Ownership:

<input type="checkbox"/> Crown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private
<input type="checkbox"/> Resident owner <input type="checkbox"/> Occupier only	
Local Govt Area	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of Greater Geelong

Cadastral Location:

County	Grant
Parish	Paywit
Allotment	CP 353636
Block	Vol. 10135 Fol. 678

Physical Description of Site:

The residential building is sited on a large block with mature pines along the eastern boundary. It is believed to have been designed in 1896 by Geelong architect and builder Mr. Purnell, and the new roof dominated 'Queensland style' caused derision in the neighbourhood.

The Federation style house has a large hipped roof clad in corrugated iron, continuing in an unbroken line to the verandah. It is a single storey timber frame structure, clad in weatherboards. The verandah returns on the east and west elevations, has a timber floor, turned timber posts with capitals, a valance board, and a decorative timber fretwork gable over the verandah entrance.

To the south west of the site is a separate hipped roof, of the same height, clad in tiles. The east elevation has a projecting gable, clad in tiles also. The house features three unusual brick chimneys with terracotta pots, set at an angle to the roof, creating a diamond shape.

Relevant Special Interest Groups:

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Types of Sites:

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<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> relic/ruin	<input type="checkbox"/> garden	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building
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<input type="checkbox"/> recreational	<input type="checkbox"/> infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/> gate	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	

Historical Themes:

Early Settlement <input type="text"/> Maritime <input type="text"/> Tourism <input type="text"/> Workforce <input type="text"/> Townships <input type="text"/>	Communities <input type="text" value="cmHomes"/> Landscapes <input type="text"/> The Wider World <input type="text"/> Cultural Activity <input type="text"/> Miscellaneous <input type="text"/>
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History of Site/Object/Place:

This large house is believed to have been built for Mr and Mrs. P.M. Brown before 1920 and was called 'Tarina'. (1) The Bellarine Herald of 1896 refers to new homes in the last five years and has the following quote about the residence of Mr. P.M. Brown: " a special feature of this building is a wide verandah with a deep roof Queensland in style...a great deal of local sub-acid criticism for the originality of the design." Mr. Purnell of Geelong is said to be the architect and builder.(2)

Mr. P.M. Brown's occupation in the Bellarine Ratebook of 1915/16 is given as 'Gentleman' and Mrs. Brown was a community leader in Portarlington they were regarded as pillars of the community. She was President of The Red Cross in the 1930s.(3)

P.M. Brown of Tarina is listed in the Sands and McDougall directory of 1939 and the Victorian Telephone Directory in 1941.(4) By 1951 C. H. Fraser is listed at Tarina and S.A. Birch in 1959 Tarina is described as 'flats' (5). It is reasonable to assume that this large house may have been converted into flat accommodation for the holiday market although this has not been confirmed.

References:

1. J. Payne pers. comm.
2. *Bellarine Herald* (SLV) 12.12.1896
3. Bellarine Ratebook of 1915/16 and Bellarine Historical Society photograph file
4. Sands and McDougall directory ,1939 and the Victorian Telephone Directory, 1941
5. Victorian Telephone Directory 1951 ,1959

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Statement of Cultural Significance:

The dwelling at 203 Newcombe Street was probably designed and built by Purnell of Geelong c.1896 for the Brown family. It was called Tarina and is believed to have been converted into flats by 1959. The large Federation weatherboard house has a 'Queensland style' roof, unusual chimney alignment and is set on a large block with a boundary of mature pines.

The dwelling at 203 Newcombe Street has aesthetic, historic and social value to the Portarlington district.

The dwelling at 203 Newcombe Street has distinctive architectural features and was built for a prominent Portarlington family. It also has associations with the development of Portarlington as a holiday resort.

It is of **LOCAL** cultural significance.

Additional Information