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CITY OF GEELONG WEST

URBAN CONSERVATION STUDY: BUILDING IDENTIFICATION FORM.

BUILDING ADDRESS

13,15,17,19,21,23,25,27 GEORGE STREET

HISTORY

George Street was formerly known as Fair Street. G.F.Moreland owned the land on which these dwellings were built. The houses listed above were built between 1913 and 1914 and appear to have been a speculator's development. In 1913-14 the following ratepayers were listed. Frank T. Marriott (labourer), George Moorefoot (labourer), Harold Sweetten (plasterer), Daniel Riddle (shearer) and Alfred Ditterich (carpenter). In 1916 Harold Sweeten had left and the new names that were listed as residents were Mrs Hannah A. Orchard, Benjamin S. Thomas, Albert Cocking and Miss Emily Everett.

DESCRIPTION

This row of near identical single fronted houses is unique in Geelong West. They are single storey timber framed houses clad in weatherboards and the hipped and gabled roofs are clad in corrugated iron. The simple Edwardian buildings have an asymmetrical front elevation composed of a gable end and side entrance with a porch. There are few decorative elements but these have been used effectively on the small buildings. They include a simple projecting gablet with supporting brackets, decorative eaves brackets, window hood with brackets and the timber column and fretwork on the porch. The only apparent variation between these houses can be seen in the timber fretwork and brackets. Six of the eight houses have a high degree of integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE

A unique group of eight modest, single fronted Edwardian houses built in timber. Six of the eight have a high degree of integrity. They are of local significance.

POLICY/RECOMMENDATIONS

G.R.P.S.

More appropriate fences would greatly enhance the character of these houses and the streetscape.

REFERENCES

Borough of Geelong West Rate Book, 1913-14. Sands and McDougall Directory, 1916.