

## GEELONG CITY 'C' CITATIONS

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**Site Name:** Residence

**Project File No:** 0965

**Address:** 291 Latrobe Terrace Geelong 3220

**Approx. Date:** 1898

**Integrity:** Moderate

**Significance Level:** C (Local)

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### History

This site at 291 Latrobe Terrace, Geelong, is located on parts of Allotments 4, 5 and 6, Section 51, of the Geelong Town Plan of 1881. The land was originally owned by G. F. Belcher.

In 1898, Peter Fenlon Beamish erected a weatherboard house, consisting of 6 rooms, with bathroom and pantry, on allotment 4, which he had purchased from Edward Norman Belcher in that same year. By 1905, Peter Beamish had also acquired the land on allotments 5 and 6. His wife, Charlotte, was listed as the occupier of the residence at 291 Latrobe Terrace. Between 1905 and 1910 the residence and accompanying land was purchased by the teacher, John Gower David. During that same period, 2 rooms were added to the house, increasing its net annual value from 28 pounds to 38 pounds. Another teacher, John Alexander Heggie, acquired the property in 1917 and extended the dwelling to 8 rooms in the early 1920s. He resided there until his death in the 1930s when the house passed to his widow, Helen Jane Curry Heggie. A major internal structural alteration occurred in the 1940s, reducing the number of rooms in the house from 8 to 4. Two spinster daughters, Ena and Hazel Tully Heggie, inherited the property in the 1950s, and occupied it until Ena's death in the 1960s, leaving Hazel as sole owner / occupier until she sold the house to R. Watson in May 1983. The property was sold again in June 1992

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to the Geelong Rape Crisis Centre.

### Description

The house at 291 Latrobe Terrace, Geelong, is set on a large allotment. The house has a modest front setback, a typically narrow side setback and one substantial side setback. The front is bound by an timber picket fence and gate that are approximately 1800 mm high.

The asymmetrical, single storey, horizontal weatherboard, Federation styled house is characterised by complex roof forms that include a recessed dominant hipped roof, together with two gables that project towards the Latrobe Street frontage and a hipped roof that projects towards the side. Under the dominant hipped roof and northern projecting gable is a return verandah. These roof forms are clad in galvanised corrugated steel. Two brick chimneys (now painted) with multi-corbelled tops adorn the roofline. Broad overhangs are features of the eaves.

Other early features of the design include the timber framed double hung windows, arranged as a projecting bank under the verandah gable and either as pairs or singularly elsewhere. The timber framed doorway also appears to be early.

The return verandah is supported by introduced square timber columns with solid, shallow-arched timber valances. The verandah gable has introduced opening timber lattice gable infill, while the other gable has introduced curvy timber battening over the weatherboards.

### Statement of Cultural Significance

The house at 291 Latrobe Terrace, Geelong, has significance as a moderately intact example of the Federation style. Built in 1898 for Peter Beamish, the house has been altered and appears to be in good condition when viewed from the street.

The house at 291 Latrobe Terrace is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. Although altered, it still demonstrates original design qualities of a Federation style. These qualities include the complex roof forms that include the recessed dominant hipped roof, together with two gables that project towards the Latrobe Street frontage, the hipped roof that projects towards the side and the return verandah and the dominant hipped roof and northern projecting gable. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the asymmetrical composition, single storey height, horizontal weatherboard wall cladding, galvanised corrugated steel roof cladding, brick chimneys with multi-corbelled tops (but not the overpainting), broad eaves, timber framed double hung windows including the projecting bank under the verandah gable, timber framed doorway and the square timber verandah columns.

The house at 291 Latrobe Terrace is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with residential developments in Geelong during the Federation (c.1895-1915) period. In particular, this house has associations with Peter Fenlon Beamish and his wife Charlotte, original owners from 1898.

Overall, the house at 291 Latrobe Terrace is of LOCAL significance.

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