

Victorian Heritage Database Report
Irish Cottages



Location:

6 McCann Place, GEEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 215730

Heritage Status / Level of Significance:

Individually Significant

Heritage Overlay Numbers: HO2016, HO1015

Listing Authority: Greater Geelong City

Precinct:

Austin Park and Environs Heritage Area

Statement of Significance:

Significant

Previously C Listed - Local Significance

The semi-detached cottage at 6 McCann Place, Geelong, has significance as an intact example of the Victorian Vernacular style. Built in 1914 for Anthony Kinnon, a traveller based in Melbourne, the cottage appears to be in fair-good condition when viewed from the street. It also now forms part of a significant duplex of semi-detached cottages. The semi-detached cottage at 6 McCann Place is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. It demonstrates original and unusual design qualities of a Victorian Vernacular style for a turn of the century building, and conforms to the original design features of the 1854-55 Victorian vernacular styled cottage at 4 McCann Street. These qualities include the simple gable roof form that traverses the site, together with the rendered masonry parapets (excluding overpainting to one of the parapets) that form the gable ends and the rear skillion wing. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the single storey height, symmetrical composition, unpainted light red-orange brick wall construction, rendered brick chimney, central flat-arched doorway with flanking flat-arched window openings, herringbone voussoirs above the door and window openings, rendered wall plinth, rendered window sills, timber framed double hung 12 paned windows on the main facade, horizontal timber weatherboard wall cladding on the rear skillion wing, and the timber framed double hung 8 paned windows on the rear skillion wing. The architectural significance of this semi-detached cottage also relies on the retention of the semi-detached cottage at 4 McCann Place, as both cottages form an unusual duplex. The semi-detached cottage at 6 McCann Place is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with residential developments in Geelong in 1900 is an unusual surviving example of a building development that responded to the design qualities of the neighbouring semi-detached 1850s building. The cottage at 6 McCann Place has associations with Anthony Kinnon, traveller and owner from 1914 who instigated the construction of the dwelling and who also owned the neighbouring semi-detached cottage at 4 McCann Place from 1913. Overall, the semi-detached cottage at 6 McCann Place is of LOCAL significance.

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Description

DESCRIPTION

The cottage at 6 McCann Place, Geelong, is set on a small allotment and now forms part of a duplex of single storey semi-detached cottages that abut the front boundary.

The symmetrical, single storey, unpainted light red/orange brick, vernacular styled cottage is characterised by a simple gable roof form that traverses the site, together with two rendered masonry parapets (one recently painted) that form the gable ends and a rear skillion wing having horizontal timber weatherboard wall cladding. An early rendered brick chimney punctuates the party parapet and adorns the roofline.

The symmetry of the design is accentuated by the early central flat-arched doorway with early flanking flat-arched window openings. Both the windows and door are adorned with herringbone voussoirs. The timber framed, double hung, 12 paned windows also appear to be early, although the panelled timber door is recent (but the concept of a transom light above is early). The metal screen door is also introduced.

Other early features of the design include the rendered plinth and the rendered window sills. The wall-mounted lantern light has been introduced.

The side external wall has a rendered finish that may have been introduced at a later date.

The rear skillion wing has early timber framed 8 paned double hung windows and an introduced timber and glazed door. There is also a blocked up gateway beyond the rear wing.

Neighbouring the cottage is an identically-designed semi-detached cottage. Although this neighbouring building was built 60 years before this cottage at 6 McCann Place, both cottages now form a significant and unusual duplex.

Mostly intact, brick cottages (no. 4: red with some deterioration, no. 6: orange-red) with rendered plinth, transverse gable roof clad in corrugated metal sheeting, rendered party walls, central rendered brick chimneys. Flat arched timber sash windows (both replaced, multi-paned with herringbone arches to no. 6), rendered sills, highlights to doors.

Heritage Study / Consultant	Greater Geelong - Geelong City Urban Conservation Study, Volumes 2-5, Graeme Butler, 1991; Greater Geelong - Geelong City Urban Conservation Study Volume 1, Graeme Butler, 1993; Greater Geelong - Geelong City 'C' Citations Study, Dr David Rowe, 2002; Geelong City Fringe Heritage Area Review, RBA Architects + Conservation Consultants, 2018
Construction Date Range	

Architect / Designer	
Municipality	GREATER GEELONG CITY
Other names	
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