

Victorian Heritage Database Report
Emu Cottage



Location:

19 McKillop Street, GEELONG EAST VIC 3219 - Property No 215801

Heritage Status / Level of Significance:

Individually Significant

Heritage Overlay Numbers: HO1641, HO134

Listing Authority: Greater Geelong City

Precinct:

City South Residential Heritage Area

Statement of Significance:

Significant

Previously B listed - Regional Significance

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

'Emu Cottage' in McKillop Street, Geelong is one of the early residences in the city limits surviving in a relatively intact condition. The original 7 room villa was erected prior to 1862 presumably for John Burke an early Geelong representative of the Italianate school of architectural design with the Tuscan porch a most distinctive feature. G. F. Link a noted educationist, scientist and for many years headmaster at the Matthew Flinder School, lived in the cottage at least until 1878. The cottage may date from the mid 1850s.

RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Geelong Regional Commission Register.

REFERENCES

Geelong Advertiser - 29 July 1862 Birth notice on 27 instant at Emu Cottage, McKillop Street West, the wife of John Burke, of a daughter.
 Geelong Advertiser - 28 September 1876, p. 1 column 6. "To Let Notice' Emu Cottage McKillop Street, 7 rooms and store room, pantry, wash house and copper, gas and water laid on, stable and coach house.
 Geelong Historical Society - Investigator, vol. 1, 1965-66, p.p. 3-27 for reference to Emu Cottage.
 Vol 17, No 2, 1982, p.p. 56-60,
 'Link the Educationalist' - detail f career of GF Link.
 Brownhill, W. R. - The History of Geelong and Corio Bay, Wilke and Co, Melbourne, 1955, pp 184, 641.
 Geelong Advertiser - 20 June 1869 daughter to GF Link at Emu Cottage.
 Geelong Advertiser - 2 July 1870 tenders for double Villa in McKillop Street for GF Link, 'Honddu Villas' Davidson and Henderson Architects - apparently spec villa development by GF Link.

Description

Largely intact rendered villa, possibly built in stages, with restrained classicising detailing. Wide, panelled parapet conceals hipped roof clad in slate, rendered chimneys. Canted bay to facade, recessed entry with arched opening flanked by pilasters. 4 panelled door with leadlight highlight (possibly replaced) & sidelights, timber sash windows.

Heritage Study / Consultant	Greater Geelong - Geelong Region Historic Buildings and Objects Study Volume 2, Allan Willingham, 1986; 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 Urban Conservation Study, Volume 4(a), Helen Lardner, 1995; Geelong City Fringe Heritage Area Review, RBA Architects + Conservation Consultants, 2018
Construction Date Range	

Architect / Designer	
Municipality	GREATER GEELONG CITY
Other names	
Hermes number	19649
Property number	215801

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