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| PLACE | MINER'S COTTAGE (former) | | | | | | |
| Address | 2 Caledonian Crescent WONTHAGGI | | | | | | |
| Study No | WN016 | HO No | - | HPD No | - | Allotment No | 11 (Section 66) |
| LGA | Bass Coast | Ward | Hovell | Parish | Wonthaggi | County | Mornington |



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| Image Date | 17 July 2009 | Extent of listing | Whole allotment | | | | |
| Designer/architect | Unknown | Architectural style | Federation/Edwardian Period (1901-1918) | | | | |
| Builder/maker | Unknown | Commenced | 1911 | Completed | 1911 | | |
| Her Act Category | Heritage place | Historic Theme/s | 13.2 Building Towns (Larger Centres) | | | | |
| Her Item Group | Residential buildings (private) | Assessed by | S Reeves | Date | 28/08/09 | | |
| Her Item Category | House | Reviewed by | - | Date | - | | |
| Usage (2009) | Residence | Condition | Good | Intactness | Good | | |
| Significance | Local | Recommendation | Include in VHR <input type="checkbox"/> | Include in RNE <input type="checkbox"/> | Include in HO <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |

Statement of Significance

What is Significant?

The house at 2 Caledonian Crescent, Wonthaggi, is a single-storey double-fronted Edwardian timber miner's cottage with an elongated symmetrical facade, a simple hipped roof and matching verandah. It was erected during 1911 for Ernest Hogg, a miner, and subsequently occupied by his family well into the 1920s.

How is it Significant?

The house is of historic and aesthetic significance to the Shire of Bass Coast.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, the house is significant for associations with an early and important phase of private residential settlement in the Township of Wonthaggi. Erected during 1911, the present house was one of many similar dwellings that were erected privately by local miners at that time, following the laying out of the township and the construction of the Government Cottages during 1910 (*AHC Criterion A.4*). With its modest proportions, simple pitched roofs and verandah, and minimal decorative embellishment, this house demonstrates the humble aspirations of the working class during a key phase in the town's development (*AHC Criterion D.2*).

Aesthetically, the house is significant as a good and notably intact example of its type. Unlike many contemporaneous timber miner's cottages that survive in Wonthaggi, it still retains its original sash windows, verandah and external cladding to walls and roof. The use of beaded timber wall boarding (instead of conventional weatherboard cladding) is especially unusual in Wonthaggi (*AHC Criterion B.2*). This substantially intact miner's cottage, with its unusually elongated street frontage, remains as a distinctive element in the streetscape (*AHC Criterion E.1*).

Physical Description

The house at 2 Caledonian Crescent, Wonthaggi, is a single-storey double-fronted Edwardian weatherboard cottage with a simple hipped roof of red-painted corrugated galvanised steel. Its street frontage, which is unusually elongated, is symmetrical, with a central front entrance flanked by rectangular windows with multi-paned timber-framed sashes. Its weatherboard cladding also has the distinctive and atypical beaded edging. The full-width front verandah comprises a matching red-painted hipped roof, supported on plain timber posts with simple carved brackets.

The front property line is marked by a timber post and plank fence, which is sympathetic but evidently not original, and, to the right side, a metal hand-gate with woven wire mesh infill.

Historical Notes

This house stands on part of Section 66 of the Township of Wonthaggi, a block of eighteen residential allotments bounded by Reed Crescent, Caledonian Crescent, Dickson Street and Billson Street. The present site, designated as Lot 11, is not listed in the first Borough of Wonthaggi Rate Book (dated June 1911), but is recorded in the next edition, compiled only four months later, as "v" (ie vacant land) with a Net Annual Value (NAV) of £2, owned by one Ernest Hogg, miner. A pencilled amendment to the listing indicates that Hogg's property was re-assessed, prior to the next rate the following year, as a house, with the increased NAV of £12. Subsequent rate books reveal that the Hogg family retained possession of the property well into the 1920s. Ernest himself died in September 1919, but his widow, Mrs Jessie Hogg, remained in residence for several years thence. An annotation to the rate book for 1921-22 records that Mrs Hogg's house was "having verandah and room added", with its NAV consequently increased to £22. In the 1927-28 rate book, another scribbled amendment indicates that Mrs Hogg was no longer living there herself. Although she retained ownership, the house had since become occupied by a tenant, Mrs L Bonnett.

Comparisons

Broadly, this house is a representative example of the type of private residential development that took place in the first few years of Wonthaggi's settlement, when employees of the State Coal Mine began to build modest timber dwellings for themselves. This contrasted with (and post-dated) the appearance of the so-called Government Cottages, which were built by the Lands Department during 1910 and subsequently rented to local miners. The house at 121 Broome Crescent is typical of the modest double-fronted Victorian-style cottages that miners built for themselves. Retaining its original windows, verandahs and weatherboard cladding, this example is considerably more intact than many of its counterparts, both in Broome Crescent (eg Nos 41, 51, 59, 66, 69, 101) and elsewhere (eg 33 Hunter Street, 12 and 22 Matthew Street, and 8 and 93 Merrin Crescent).

In terms of physical integrity, the present house is otherwise most comparable to those cottages that survive, in substantially intact states, at 68, 70, 73 and 121 Broome Crescent, 103 Merrin Crescent, and 23 Caledonian Crescent. Of these examples, the present house stands out both for its atypical use of beaded timber boarding (in contrast to conventional weatherboards) and its unusually elongated street frontage.

Recommended Management

Encourage the retention of the return verandah as a semi-open space, with no solid or glazed infill to be constructed.

Encourage the replacement of non-original sashes to front windows with a more appropriate timber-framed counterpart.

References

| <i>Author</i> | <i>Title</i> | <i>Year</i> |
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| Borough of Wonthaggi | Rate Books (held by Public Record Office) | Various |