



House, 17 Vivian Street

c.1905

Themes in development: cultural and social.

Cultural heritage values: architectural and townscape values.

Not registered.

Owner

E L & H J Peters

Title

Lot 2 DP10186
ID 013915

Use

Dwelling

Description

The large two storey house at 17 Vivian Street has a prominent site overlooking the central city area. It is a late Victorian villa with a complex massing of gables and a two-storey high verandah running between the two gables around the east and north elevations. There is a slight Queen Anne influence in the shingles and strutting in the gable ends, and the hood over the front elevation windows. The sheathing is lapped weatherboarding with boxed corners, and corrugated iron on the roof. Decoration is now restricted to the shingles in the gables, but material (such as verandah balustrading, now shingles) may have been removed. A prominent brick chimney still stands towards the rear of the house.

History

The date of construction of the house is not known, although judging from its style alone, it is likely to be c.1905. The exterior is in reasonably authentic form, with some decorative work possibly removed.

Architect

The architect is not known.

Statement of Significance

This building has architectural interest as a good example of a large late-Victorian villa, of interesting form and detail in the arrangement of gable roofs and verandah. It occupies a prominent elevated site, its townscape quality enhanced by mature trees in the garden.

Sources

Old New Zealand Houses 1800 - 1940, Jeremy Salmond, Reed Methuen, 1986.