

House, 118 Salmon Street, Hastings, Statement of Significance

Heritage Place: House, 118 Salmon Street, Hastings	PS ref no: HO458
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What is significant?

118 Salmon Street, built for local fisherman James Mentiplay in 1914, is significant.

The house is a symmetrical, double fronted, weatherboard dwelling, with a high hipped roof with gablets at the top. The central front door has highlights and sidelights, and is flanked by tripartite double-hung sash windows. The façade has a broad band of notched weatherboards across the middle of the wall. The verandah has timber flooring, a bullnose corrugated iron roof, with turned timber posts, timber brackets and a simple ladder-back timber frieze, breaking up the plain slats with a pierced motif.

The front of the house is relatively intact; the rear extension is a non-contributory element.

How is it significant?

The house is of local historical, architectural and associative significance to the Shire of Mornington Peninsula.

Why is it significant?

Historically, 118 Salmon Street illustrates Hastings' long and important connection to the fishing industry. The house was built for James Mentiplay, part of the locally prominent fishing family the Mentiplays, in 1914. It is an intact example of a modest yet comfortable Edwardian house built for Hastings fishermen during the beginning of the 20th century. 118 Salmon Street is significant for its association with the Mentiplays. As well as being a pioneering fishing family, James was one of the leading fishermen in Hastings by the 1920s. The house remained in the Mentiplays ownership for close to sixty years (Criteria A & H).

Architecturally, 118 Salmon Street is significant as one of the only examples of a dwelling from the Edwardian era within Hastings, retaining its characteristic form and details, such as the gablet hipped roof shape, a central front door with highlight and sidelights, and the bullnose roof front verandah with turned timber posts, a timber frieze and brackets. In its simple form it represents the transitional architectural style between the Victorian Italianate and more complex Federation Villa. (Criterion D)

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