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# Alexander Miller Memorial Homes

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## Location

1-10/73 McKillop Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 316278, 316279, 316280, 316281, 316282, 316283, 316284, 316285, 316286, 316287

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1183

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1026

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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A Listed - State significance

Historically part of an architecturally distinctive series of estates created across rural Victorian in the name of one of Geelong's more successful shop owners, Alex Miller, and part of a recurring theme in Geelong, from different eras, of private charity accommodation.

Architecturally, following a prototype which was innovative in its use of a new house form and residential planning concept which as a group, formed the first example of the Bungalow Style.

## REFERENCES

Laird & Buchan contract book 5. p96 GHRC.

See Butler Waranga Conservations Study (1989)

Heritage Study/Consultant Greater Geelong - Geelong City Urban Conservation Study, Graeme Butler, 1993;  
Heritage Act Categories Registered place,  
Hermes Number 19683  
Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

### DESCRIPTION

Based on the Bungalow Court principles expounded in America early this century, there are five red brick Bungalows grouped symmetrically around and facing a courtyard of concrete and lawn.

Each gable roof design resembles the Indian and Asian colonial era traveler's accommodation prototype which inspired the Bungalow on America's west coast. Developed there as an inexpensive form of housing which contrasted with the despised 19th century row-houses, the Bungalow and Bungalow courts used land economically, sharing their open space as part of the courtyard. A similar principal was reiterated after the Second World War, in Australia, as an answer to housing shortages.

Red brick terra-cotta roof tiles and the broad gable roof line associated with the Bungalow are all typical attributes of the Indian or Far East bungalows, colonial derivatives which preceded the more predictable Californian Bungalow. Nevertheless, the elements of the later more widespread style can be recognized in the heavy brick verandah piers, "box" window construction and Marseilles tiled, gabled roof.

### Streetscape

Isolated adjoining a Victorian era residential streetscape and west of the similarly inspired Haines Homes at Bellarine Street.

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