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## Annear's Furniture Warehouse (64-66)



64-66 Ryrie Street, Geelong

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### Location

64-66 Ryrie Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 217540

### Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

### Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1637

HO1114

### Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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### Statement of Significance

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#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The former Annear's Furniture Warehouse building, 64-66 Ryrie Street, Geelong, has significance as an unusual example of ashlar timber wall construction for an intact late 19th early 20th century building in Geelong. The

building also has significance as an example of a Late Victorian commercial style. Built in 1899 for Alexander Miller, prominent Geelong businessman and well-known philanthropist, and leased to Frederick Annear, cabinet maker, the building appears to be in good condition when viewed from the street.

The former Annear's Furniture Warehouse building, 64-66 Ryrie Street, is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a Late Victorian commercial style. These qualities include the capped parapet surmounted by the large curved signage parapet, flanking first floor pilasters with projecting consoles at parapet and first floor height, first floor timber wall cladding simulating ashlar masonry blockwork, and the three-bayed first floor composition with timber framed double hung windows. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the overall symmetrical composition, two storey height, projecting concave verandah, two shopfront openings on the ground floor with timber framed construction, ground floor door openings and timber framed transoms, flanking ground floor pilasters with moulded capitals, and the masonry base walls below the shop-fronts.

The former Annear's Furniture Warehouse building, 64-66 Ryrie Street, is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with commercial developments in Geelong in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. In particular, this building has associations with Alexander Miller, original owner, prominent businessman and well-known philanthropist, who instigated construction in 1899. The building also has associations with the original lessee, Frederick Annear, cabinet maker, who established a furniture warehouse at this location between 1900 and 1918.

The former Annear's Furniture Warehouse building, 6466 Ryrie Street, is scientifically significant at a LOCAL level. The first floor timber wall cladding simulating ashlar masonry blockwork illustrates an unusual form of 19th century wall construction longer practised today. Overall, the former Annear's Furniture Warehouse building, 6466 Ryrie Street, is of LOCAL significance.

Heritage Study/Consultant	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 'C' Citations Study, Dr David Rowe, 2002;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	20458
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

The former Annear's Furniture Warehouse building, 6466 Ryrie Street, Geelong, forms part of the strip of commercial building along the western end of Ryrie Street. The symmetrical, two storey, Late Victorian commercial styled building is characterised by a capped parapet surmounted by a large curved signage parapet. Flanking the building are two pilasters with projecting consoles at parapet and first floor height. An unusual early feature of the design is the first floor timber wall cladding simulating ashlar masonry block-work. The first floor comprises three bays of early timber framed double hung windows. A recent but appropriate concave verandah with corrugated red Colorbond roof cladding, supported by square steel columns projects at ground floor level. The two shopfront openings on the ground floor may be early, although there have been timber framed windows and transom windows introduced. The door openings also appear to be early, with timber and glazed doors and transom windows above. The flanking ground floor pilasters with moulded capitals are early, as are the masonry base walls below the shopfronts.

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