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# "Avalon", Residence

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## Location

480 Avalon Road, AVALON VIC 3212 - Property No 283995

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO26

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The 'Avalon Homestead' was erected in 1880 for James Austin, replacing an earlier structure destroyed by fire in 1878. This single storey basalt homestead with freestone dressing was designed by prominent Geelong Architect Alexander Davidson in the characteristic picturesque gothic tradition and is one of his most notable later works. 'Avalon' derives from Arthurian legend and Glastonbury Abbey in England, another Austin property. The property remained in the ownership of the Austin family until 1949 and has significant links with the history of this important Victorian pioneering family.

### RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Geelong Regional Commission Register

Australian Heritage Commission Register of the National Estate

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Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	21717
Property Number	

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