# J F Archibald Memorial

#### Location

66 Church Street, GEELONG WEST VIC 3218 - Property No 298201

## Municipality

**GREATER GEELONG CITY** 

#### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

# **Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO92

## **Heritage Listing**

Greater Geelong City

### Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE - CITY OF GEELONG WEST URBAN CONSERVATION STUDY

The J. F. Archibald Memorial marks the birthplace of one of Australia's most accomplished and dedicated journalists and a generous benefactor to the community. It is of regional significance.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE - GRC - HISTORIC PLACES DOCUMENTATION SHEET NO. 288

The J. F. Archibald Memorial marks the birthplace of one of Australia's most accomplished and dedicated Journalists, and founder of the celebrated Bulletin in 1880. The Archibald Fountain in Sydney, The Archibald Prize for portrait painting, and the Australian Journalists Association benevolent fund are also established in memory of this great Autralian writer, and as a consequence of generous bequests in the will of Jules Francois Arhcibald. Born at Kildare (North Geelong) Archibald, baptized as john Feltham (later changed to Jules Francois in a period of Francophile passion) lived only a short time in Geelong.

RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Geelong Regional Commission Register

#### **REFERENCES**

For a detailed biographical study of J. F. Archibald see Lawson, Sylvia, 'Jules Francois Archibald (1856-1919)', in Pike Douglas (ed) Australian Dictionary of Biography, Volume 3, 1969, pp 43-48.

The plaque inscriptions reads

'This memorial marks the site of the birthplace of Jules Feltham (Francois) Archibald Jan 14, 1856 - September 10, 1919. Famous Journalist and Editor, and generous friend of Australian Writers and Artists.'

Erected by the Australian Journalists Association 1960'

See also

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Lang, W. R. - 'Geelong Monuments and Plaques' No 24 A, Index, Geelong Historical Records Centre.

Archibald papers, Mitchell Library, Sydney and the Archibald family papers, La Trobe Library, Melbourne record the career of this extraordinary man in consummate detail.

Reference from City of Geelong West Urban Conservation Study - A Willingham, 'Historic Places Documentation Sheet No 92.

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G Seaton - The Ashby Story - A History of Geelong West, Geelong West City Council 1978, p45.

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Heritage Act Categories Registered object,

Other Names Also see Western Oval - Weddell Road, Geelong West,

Hermes Number 21738

**Property Number** 

### **Physical Description 1**

#### DESCRIPTION - CITY OF GEELONG WEST URBAN CONSERVATION STUDY

The memorial consists of a quarry faced stone base with a bronze plaque set on top. The plaque inscription reads,

"This memorial marks the site of the birthplace of Jules Feltham (Francois Archibald) January 14, 1856 - September 10, 1919. Famous Journalist and Editor, and generous friend of Australian Writers and Artists. Erected by the Australian Journalists Association in 1960".

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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