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## "Corio Villa", house including interior



56 Eastern Beach Road

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### Location

56 Eastern Beach Road, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 213079

### Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

### Level of significance

Registered

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0193

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1639

HO8

### Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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### Statement of Significance

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Significant

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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The prefabricated iron house, 'Corio Villa', was manufactured in Edinborough in 1855 by iron founder, Charles D Young and Co. from designs by Bell and miller, architects and engineers. William Nairn Gray, colonial land commissioner, ordered this villa but he died on the 11th June, 1854 prior to arrival of the portable house shipment.

Alfred Douglas, merchant, acquired and erected the villa in 1856. "Corio Villa' is of a paramount international significance to the history of industrial technology and aesthetic movement in the 19th c in Great Britain.

## RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Geelong Regional Commission Register

Historic Buildings Council Register

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Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	18568
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

Rare, prefabricated cast iron house with circa 1900 timber addition to east side.  
Early basalt fence with cast iron gate and panels to west side.

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