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## Hunt's Grocery (Now Offices)



55 Gheringhap Street,  
Geelong

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### Location

55 Gheringhap Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 213853

### Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

### Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1637

HO947

### Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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### Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Architecturally, perhaps of more value than its historical contribution, the building is both individually distinctive as a medium-sized commercial premises and a valuable part of Geelong's most important commercial streetscapes.

Historically, by its parapet name it preserves the identity of a long-term occupation by the Leggo family, which briefly included the older 55A Gheringhap Street. ,

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Geelong Region Historic Buildings and Objects Study, Allan Willingham, 1986; 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 Urban Conservation Study, Volume 4(a), Helen Lardner, 1995;
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## Physical Description 1

Description Perhaps more suited to radio marketing than groceries, the seemingly futuristic architectural stylism of the bold comer parapet is, on the one hand unusual, and on the other, possibly inspired by the Romanesque crow-stepped parapets used in contemporary church designs. Radiating, like symbolic radio waves, a panel of brick chevrons sits inside the dramatic archway formed by the parapet. Above it, the steps lead to a central obelisk and, above that, a flagpole. Below, more prosaic berframed windows are used along both frontages, while the flat parapet panels above them create drama by their height and bold lettering. A door leading from Gheringhap Street may have served an upper-level residence, although generally retailing was at the lock-Up stage where shop keepers lived elsewhere. e tilevered canopy is original and the shop-fronts survive in part. External Integrity Window louvres added, and the shop-fronts have been altered. Streetscape . It commences a distinctive Edwardian and immediate post-Edwardian era commercial streetscape in a dramatic manner, achieved by the distinctive comer parapet and red brick architecture, precinct 5.3.

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