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# Residence

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## Location

22 Lonsdale Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 214885

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1641

HO983

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The semi-detached house at 22 Lonsdale Street, South Geelong, has significance as one of few semi-detached Late Victorian Italianate styled houses in Geelong. Built between 1893 and 1896 for Samuel Law, the house is largely externally intact and in good condition when viewed from the street. This complex of semi-detached houses is also neighbouring a detached house of identical design and construction, forming an unusual residential grouping.

The semi-detached house at 22 Lonsdale Street is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a Late Victorian Italianate style. These qualities include the hipped roof forms and the bullnosed verandah. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the asymmetrical composition, single storey height, galvanised corrugated iron verandah roof cladding over-painted dark red, corrugated profile to the main roof cladding, pressed red brick wall construction, three pressed red brick and strapped chimneys with terra cotta pots, narrow eaves with decorative timber brackets and incised rectangular panels, timber framed double hung windows with shallow arched heads accentuated by brick voussoirs, timber framed doorway with sidelights and

highlights, cast iron finial on the roof ridge, cast iron verandah columns with decorative capitals and the decorative cast iron verandah valances.

The semi-detached house at 22 Lonsdale Street is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with residential developments in South Geelong in the late 19th century. In particular, this house has associations with the original owner, Samuel Law from 1893-96. It is also associations with the original occupant, James Gardiner, a manager in 1896. The house represents one of the few 19th century semi-detached town houses in South Geelong.

Overall, the semi-detached house 22 Lonsdale 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	19327
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## Physical Description 1

This site at 22 Lonsdale Street, Geelong, is located on Allotment no. 21, Section 29b, of the Geelong Town Plan of 1881. The land originally belonged to Samuel Law.

The first occupant of this house recorded in the Geelong Rate Books (Barwon Ward) was James Gardiner, a manager, in 1896. It was described as a 6-room brick house, with a pantry, kitchen and shed, owned, and possibly built by Samuel Law. He was also responsible for the neighbouring semi-detached house, and also the detached house of identical design and construction fronting Lonsdale Street. After the death of Samuel Law, the house was managed by his Estate, and in 1899, after the addition of a wash house; it was let out to William McClure, a grocer (later salesman).

By 1910, this residence had been acquired by Ada Larcombe, a Belmont householder, who carried out a major upgrade of the wet areas in 1920. In 1923, the property was sold to long-term tenant, William McClure. He occupied the residence until the 1930s, when it possibly passed to his widow, Katie McClure. The next owner appears to have been the daughter of William and Katie McClure, Doris E. McClure. She may have sold the house to Mrs. G. Armstrong in 1975.

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