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# Residence

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## Location

26 Lonsdale Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 214887

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1641

HO985

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house at 26 Lonsdale Street, South Geelong, has significance as an externally intact example of the pressed red brick Late Victorian Italianate style. Built between 1893 and 1896 for Samuel Law, this house appears to be in good condition when viewed from the street. This house also neighbours two semi-detached houses of identical design and construction, forming an unusual residential grouping.

The house at 26 Lonsdale Street is architecturally significant at LOCAL level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a Late Victorian Italianate style. These qualities include the hipped roof forms and the return bullnosed verandah. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the lapped galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, unpainted pressed red brick wall construction, unpainted pressed red brick and strapped chimneys with terra cotta pots, narrow eaves with decorative timber brackets and incised cream brick rectangular panels, timber framed double hung windows, shallow arched window heads accentuated by brick voussoirs, timber framed doorway with sidelights and highlights, cast iron verandah columns with decorative capitals and the cast iron

verandah valances. The significance of the house also relies on the retention of the neighbouring semi-detached houses of identical design and construction.

The house at 26 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 Law family, and especially Samuel Law, original owner from 1893-96, and later with Alice Law until 1920.

Overall, the house at 26 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	19329
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## Physical Description 1

The house at 26 Lonsdale Street, South Geelong, is set on a wide corner allotment (corner of Lonsdale and Yarra Streets). The house has modest front setbacks to both Lonsdale and Yarra Streets. The front and side are bound by an introduced unpainted red brick fence with decorative iron panels and gates, and is approximately 1800 mm high. This house is also of identical design and construction to the semi-detached houses at 22-24 Lonsdale Street.

The asymmetrical, single storey, unpainted pressed red brick, Late Victorian Italianate styled house is characterised by a hipped roof form, together with a minor hip that projects towards the Lonsdale Street frontage, introduced rear hipped roofs that project towards the side, and a return bullnosed verandah. These roof forms are clad in lapped galvanised corrugated iron. Two early and two introduced unpainted pressed red brick and strapped chimneys with terra cotta pots adorn the roofline. Narrow overhangs with decorative timber brackets and incised cream brick rectangular panels are features of the eaves.

The building is also characterised by early timber framed double hung windows. The window openings are arranged as a set of three under the projecting minor hipped roof, and as single windows throughout the exterior. The shallow arched window heads are accentuated by the brick voussoirs. Under the verandah is also an early timber framed doorway with sidelights and highlights.

A feature of the design is the return bullnosed verandah. It is supported by cast iron columns with decorative capitals and cast iron valances.

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