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# Residence

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## Location

275 Myers Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 216719

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1642

HO1089

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house at 275 Myers Street, East Geelong, has significance as an intact example of the Late Victorian style. Possibly built between 1894 and 1895, the original owner of the house appears to have been the Hon. Jonas Levien, former President of the Shire of Bellarine and Country Party Minister of Agriculture and Mines in the Victorian State Government. The house appears to be in fair condition when viewed from the street.

The house at 275 Myers Street is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a Late Victorian style. These qualities include the hipped roof form that traverses the site, together with the hipped roof and side skillion verandah that project towards the street frontage. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the asymmetrical composition, single storey height, unpainted pressed red brick wall construction, galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, three unpainted pressed red brick chimneys with multi-corbelled tops and cream brick bands, narrow eaves, cream brick quoinwork, polychrome brick voussoirs above the front windows, round cast iron verandah columns with decorative pedestals and capitals, cast iron verandah

valance and brackets, cast iron verandah balustrade, front timber framed double hung tripartite windows under the projecting hip and the verandah with slightly arched heads, timber framed doorway with the four panelled timber door, sidelights and highlights, panelled timber bases to the sidelights, bluestone window sills, and the parapeted brick verandah end wall with arched window opening.

The house at 275 Myers Street is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with residential developments in Geelong in the late 19th century. In particular, this house appears to have associations with the original owner, the Hon. Jonas Levien from 1894-95 when it was built. Levien was a former President of the Shire of Bellarine and Country

Party Minister of Agriculture and Mines in the Victorian State Government.

Overall, the house at 275 Myers Street is of LOCAL significance.

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## Physical Description 1

### Description

The house at 275 Myers Street, East Geelong, is set on a corner allotment. The house has a modest front setback and is situated on the side Connor Street boundary. The front garden is rudimentary, with a concrete path, open grassed areas and perimeter agapanthas. The front is bound by an introduced treat pine post and rail fence, approximately 600 mm high.

The asymmetrical, single storey, unpainted pressed red brick, Late Victorian styled house is characterised by a hipped roof form that traverses the site, together with a hipped roof and side skillion verandah that project towards the street frontage. These roof forms are clad in grey-painted galvanised corrugated iron. Three early

unpainted pressed red brick chimneys with multi-corbelled tops and cream brick bands adorn the roofline. Narrow overhangs are features of the eaves.

An early decorative feature of the design is the constructional coloration as shown in the cream brick quoinwork about the building corners and openings, and the polychrome brick voussoirs above the front windows. Other early decorative features include the round cast iron verandah columns with decorative pedestals and capitals, cast iron verandah valance and brackets, and the cast iron verandah balustrade.

The front tripartite windows under the projecting hip and the verandah are also early, and are timber framed and double hung with slightly arched heads. The timber framed doorway with a four panelled timber door, sidelights and highlights is also early, as are the panelled timber bases to the sidelights.

Other early features of the design include the bluestone window sills, and the parapeted brick verandah end wall with arched window opening.

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