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## Residence - "Chipchase"



8 Ryrie Street, Geelong

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### Location

8 Ryrie Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 217498

### Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1108

### Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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### Statement of Significance

Last updated on - December 6, 2018

C Listed - Local Significance

The additional historical details have been provided by the grandson (Steen Anderson) of the original owner in 2011. Please note that these historical details are provided informally at this stage, as the citation has not been subject to formal change as part of a planning scheme amendment:

'Chipchase' was built in 1930 for Dr Federick Hilton Wallace to a design by the local architect, Frederick Purnell. The dwelling included a number of ground floor rooms associated with Dr Wallace's medical practise as he initially had no practising rights at the Geelong Hospital. These rooms included a practising room, surgical room, waiting room and an extensive bathroom. At the rear of the dwelling was a coal store (not a stables). Mrs Bessie Wallace (nee Victoria) was Dr Wallace's wife and they had three daughters: Heather, Nancy and Erica.

Dr Wallace contributed much to local community and civic life. During World War 1, he was a Captain in the Medical Corps but more locally Dr Wallace was Mayor of Geelong for 3 years between 1942 and 1945, long-time Governor of the Geelong Harbour Trust, founder of the East Geelong Golf Club and also the founder of the Grace McKellar Centre at Bell Park. He was awarded an OBE for his civic duties.

Dr Wallace resided at 'Chipchase' until the 1980s."

Statement of Significance (from Heritage Study)

Architecturally, and accomplished design in a scale and style unusual for Geelong and part of a group of individually notable sites.

Historically, it has a long association with the physician Wallace Hilton, and hence is part of a minor concentration of medicos along the city's western fringe.

Removed From City Fringe Heritage Area (HO1639)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Geelong Region Historic Buildings and Objects Study Volume 2, 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; Geelong City Fringe Heritage Area Review, RBA Architects + Conservation Consultants, 2018;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	20434
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

Rare for Geelong, this is a large two-storey post-war brick house with spacious balconies overlooking Corio Bay, (for private patients?). Like the few large houses, built in the municipality during the mid-to-late Victorian era, it has architectural pretensions well beyond the bulk of Geelong's contemporary housing. Apparently the favoured doctor's location (see 16 Myers Street, 259 La Trobe Terrace), the La Trobe Terrace hill was then sufficiently removed from the commercial core and amongst established civic and religious complexes.

With its broad gabled roof forms, conical attic dormers and corner tower, the design has elements of both the preceding Queen Anne revival and the contemporary Bungalow style.

Asymmetrically massed by disposition of room bays, the house's north elevation is augmented by screen-like tow-level balcony, with flat Tudor arches at the upper level and basket-arches at the lower. This balcony offers an almost two-dimensional layer to the decidedly three-dimensional massing of the house proper.

It compares with houses such as Walter Cookes' 9 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe (1920), Albert Carlyle's 47 The Righi, Heidelberg (1927), 19 Carn Avenue, Ivanhoe (1926) and sites along The Esplanade, Drumcondra and La Trobe Terrace, Newtown

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