
Hearne's Building (former)



18 Ryrie Street, Geelong

Location

18 Ryrie Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 217502

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO188

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The former warehouse of W. G. Hearne and Company Wholesale druggists was renovated in c 1920 by Geelong architect, Mr. Frederick C. Purnell by construction of a new facade to an earlier brick and masonry building occupied by F.L. Cooper and Company, manufacturers and merchants. The structure was apparently originally

used as a grain store in Ryrie Street. The facade, with three dominant bay windows, upper balcony, minarets and mansard roof is a notable early 20th century example of architectural eclecticism, E. G. Hearne and Company were noted for their famous 'Hearne's bronchitis cure'. The building is one of few documented works of F. C. Purnell a local identity and one time office commanding the Geelong Garrison Artillery.

References

The Australian Home Builder, March 1924 page 62 includes illustrations of building prior to alterations by F. C. Purnell, and immediately afterwards.

Aitken, Richard, 'Edwardian Geelong: An Architectural Introduction' Deakin University, Geelong, November 1979. n.p. for details of career of F. C. Purnell.

News of the Week 1 July 1909

Advertisement relating to practice of Purnell and Sons, architects and builders, timber merchants and contractors.

Geelong Historical Records Centre photographic collection.

Removed from City Fringe Heritage Area

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	20438
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Physical Description 1

Altered in circa 1920 to designs of Frederick C. Purnell.

Part 3 storey, brick (now painted, lower part of facade rendered), mansard roof clad in corrugated metal sheeting, stepped parapet. Metal (copper alloy) shopfront windows, 3 oriel windows to second level and curved balcony with timber framed fanlight door to upper level, openings to side are a mix of timber sash & casements. Eclectic design featuring some classicising details (rustication, string mouldings), tourelles, onion domes, Gothic arches to balcony. The lower part of the western wall is constructed of basalt.

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