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# Purnell's Chambers, former 26,26A,28,28A, 30,30A 28 Ryrie Street

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## Location

28A Ryrie Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 217508

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1110

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Purnell's Chambers building, 26-30A Ryrie Street, Geelong, has significance as an unusual and intact complex of six early shops designed in a Federation commercial style. Built in 1923 for Frederick Purnell, architect (to his design), the building appears to be in fair condition.

The Purnell's Chambers building, 26-30A Ryrie Street, is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. It demonstrates original design qualities of an interwar Free commercial style, with its unusual set of six shops of high integrity. These qualities include the six bayed composition articulated into three sets of flanking metal framed shop fronts between central double ingoes with timber and glazed doors, metal screened ingo decoration at ceiling level, shopfront highlights, transom windows above the doorways, and the glazed tiled surrounds. Other intact qualities include the single storey height, rendered brick wall construction, plain rendered parapet with the moulded and unpainted red brick dentillated capping, striped rendered and unpainted red brick parapet pilasters crowned by rendered piers having projecting cornices, series of gable roof forms clad in galvanised corrugated iron separated by projecting unpainted brick party walls with cement rendered cappings, and the rear brick

boundary wall.

The Purnell's Chambers building, 26-30A Ryrie Street, is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with commercial developments in Geelong during the interwar c.1920s-1940s period. In particular, the building has associations with Frederick Charles Purnell, original owner and architect, who designed it in 1923. As well as being an architect, Purnell held important roles in several community organisations, including the Geelong and District Town Planning Association and the Geelong College Old Collegians Association. Overall, the Purnell's Chambers building, 2630A Ryrie Street, is of LOCAL significance.

Removed from the 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	20444
Property Number	

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