
W. Leggo & Son Grocers



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Location

88 Ryrie Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 217561

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1637

HO1117

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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C Listed - Local Significance

Architecturally, perhaps of more value than its historical contribution, the building is both individually distinctive as a medium-sized commercial premises and a valuable part of Geelong's most important commercial streetscapes.

Historically, by its parapet name it preserves the identity of a long-term occupation by the Leggo family, which briefly included the older 55A Gheringhap Street. ,

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Geelong Region Historic Buildings and Objects Study, 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;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	20480
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Physical Description 1

Description Perhaps more suited to radio marketing than groceries, the seemingly futuristic architectural stylism of the bold corner parapet is, on the one hand unusual, and on the other, possibly inspired by the Romanesque crowstepped parapets used in contemporary church designs. Radiating, like symbolic radio waves, a panel of brick chevrons sits inside the dramatic archway formed by the parapet. Above it, the steps lead to a central obelisk and, above that, a flagpole. Below, more prosaic beframed windows are used along both frontages, while the flat parapet panels above them create drama by their height and bold lettering. A door leading from Gheringhap Street may have served an upperlevel residence, although generally retailing was at the lockup stage where shopkeepers lived elsewhere. The tiled canopy is original and the shopfronts survive in part. External Integrity Window louvres added, and the shopfronts have been altered. Streetscape . It commences a distinctive Edwardian and immediate postEdwardian era commercial streetscape in a dramatic manner, achieved by the distinctive corner parapet and red brick architecture, precinct 5.3.

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