
Shops & Offices



119-121 Ryrie Street,
Geelong

Location

119 Ryrie Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 217610

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1637

HO1120

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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C Listed - Local Significance

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The shop and office, 119 Ryrie Street, Geelong, has significance as part of a larger building that represents a reasonably intact example of a Victorian Free commercial style. Built in 1888 for William Brown to a design by the Geelong architect Joseph Watts, the building is a legacy of the commercial developments in Geelong in the second half of the 19th century. The shop and office, 119 Ryrie Street is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. Although altered, it still demonstrates original design qualities of a Victorian Free commercial style. These qualities include the two bayed composition defined by three Corinthian pilasters on the first floor, projecting rectangular parapet supported by decorative paired consoles above the pilasters and projecting rectangular brackets, and the projecting moulded stringcourse that defines the first floor level and which is punctuated by square brackets. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the two storey height, rendered brick wall construction, two timber framed double hung first floor windows with rendered sills and moulded rendered architraves, hipped roof form clad in galvanised corrugated iron, projecting unpainted brick party wall, rear unpainted brick wall construction, rear window openings, rear parapeted skillion section, and the rear unpainted brick chimney. The architectural significance of this shop and office also relies on the retention and conservation of the neighbouring shop and office at 121 Ryrie Street. The shop and office, 119 Ryrie Street, is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with commercial developments in Geelong in the second half of the 19th century. In particular, this building has associations with William Brown, original owner who commissioned the Geelong architect Joseph Watts to design it and the neighbouring building at 121 Ryrie Street in 1888. Overall, the shop and office at 119 Ryrie Street is of LOCAL significance.

Heritage Study/Consultant	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 'C' Citations Study, Dr David Rowe, 2002;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	20519
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The shop and office, 119 Ryrie Street, Geelong, forms half of a larger building situated in amongst other commercial buildings in the street. The two storey, rendered brick, Victorian Free commercial styled building is characterised by a two bayed composition defined by three early Corinthian pilasters on the first floor. The building also has an early projecting rectangular parapet that is supported by early decorative paired consoles above the pilasters, and projecting rectangular brackets above the consoles. There is also an early projecting moulded stringcourse that defines the first floor level that is punctuated by square brackets. The first floor also has two early timber framed double hung windows with early rendered sills and moulded rendered architraves. The shop and office at 119 Ryrie Street has an introduced cantilevering verandah over the shopfront. This shopfront has been greatly altered and replaced with the current metal framed and glazed windows, with introduced cladding above. The building does not appear to have been crowned by a balustraded parapet like the neighbouring building at 121 Ryrie Street. Behind the parapet is a hipped roof form clad in early galvanised corrugated iron. It is separated from the neighbouring hipped roof by an early projecting unpainted brick party wall. The rear is also constructed of unpainted brick, with early window openings, an early parapeted brick skillion section and unpainted brick chimney, and later one and two storey additions.

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