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# Geelong Gas Company



161 Ryrie Street, Geelong

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## Location

161 Ryrie Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 217672

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1637

HO1126

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Historically, the last remnant of a once important and long-lived Geelong institution and one of the many important Geelong buildings designed by Laird & Buchan. Architecturally a distinctive upper level albeit much

altered at the canopy and below.

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| 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             | 20581   |
| Property Number           |   |

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## Physical Description 1

Two storeys, with ornate cement mouldings, the Geelong Gas Co. building is elevated in three parts. The two end bays have intricate prismatic forms at the parapet, composed above a crucifix-like element, and the wide centre bay holds four window openings below the company's name.

The original street verandah was similarly composed, with stepped profiles to the fascia end-bays and a simple fascia between. All of the fascia end-bays and a simple fascia between. All of the fascia surfaces were ribbed or panelled, giving the verandah a distinctive appearance above the gutter line. Below, simple iron (?) posts were still used for support, providing a marked contrast to the modernistic upper levels.

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