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## Residence



8 Sydeny Avenue

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### Location

8 Sydney Avenue, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 218315

### Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

### Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1639

HO1170

### Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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### Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house at 8 Sydney Avenue, Geelong, has significance as a reasonably intact example of the Federation style. Built in 1911-12 for Edwin Wray, the house appears to be in good condition when viewed from the street.

The house at 8 Sydney Avenue is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. It demonstrates original design qualities of the Federation style. These qualities include the complex roof forms including the recessed hipped roof that traverses the site, together with the hipped roof, minor gables and gambrel roof that project towards the front, the recessed gable that projects at the side, and the return encircling verandah under the roof forms. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the asymmetrical composition, single storey height, horizontal weatherboard wall cladding, galvanised corrugated steel roof cladding, two unpainted brick chimneys with rendered and projecting tops and terra cotta pots, modest eaves, timber framed leadlighted casement windows arranged in projecting bowed banks at the front and with leadlighted highlights, fluted window hood supported by elongated and curving timber brackets, ridge ornamentation and finials, and the gable infill (timber brackets, panelling and timber battening).

The house at 8 Sydney Avenue is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with residential developments in Geelong during the Federation (c.1895-1915) period. In particular, this house has associations with Edwin Wray, traveller and original owner, who instigated construction in 1911-12.

Overall, the house at 8 Sydney Avenue is of LOCAL significance.

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## Physical Description 1

### DESCRIPTION:

The house at 8 Sydney Avenue, Geelong, is set on a wide short allotment and has a modest front setback with a narrow side setback and another wider side setback having a driveway. The front garden has perimeter trees and flower beds and is bound by and introduced fence comprised of unpainted brick piers and plinth, and aluminium palisades.

The asymmetrical, single storey, horizontal weatherboard, Federation styled house is characterised by complex roof forms including a recessed hipped roof that traverses the site, together with a hipped roof, minor gables and gambrel roof that project towards the front, a recessed gable that projects at the side, and a return encircling verandah under the roof forms. These roofs are clad in galvanised corrugated steel. Two early unpainted brick chimneys with rendered and projecting tops and terra cotta pots adorn the roofline. Modest overhangs are features of the eaves.

A feature of the design is the timber framed leadlighted casement windows arranged in projecting bowed banks

at the front and with leadlighted highlights. One bay has a fluted window hood above, supported by elongated and curving timber brackets.

Other early decorative features of the design include the ridge ornamentation and finials, and the gable infill (timber brackets, panelling and timber battening). The return verandah is supported by recent round columns. Intact, distinctive & substantial example, weatherboard, hipped roof clad in corrugated metal sheeting with metal cresting, red brick chimneys with rendered caps & terracotta pots. Gables with roughcast sheeting & vertical battens, timber console brackets to projecting sections. Wrap around verandah with Tuscan order columns & timber deck, timber bay windows with leadlight, hoods to 2 windows, shingles to curved bay, panelled timber door with leadlight top panel, sidelight and highlight.

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