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## "Fernshaw", Residence



4 Western Beach Road



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### Location

4 Western Beach, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 219054

### Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

### Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO2018

### Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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### Statement of Significance

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#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The two storey brick residence 'Fernshaw' on the Western Beach at Geelong was erected in 1876 for prominent Geelong woolbroker HM Strachan. The architects were Davidson and Henderson, a firm of Scottish educated architects whose work is characterised by the innovative eclecticism of 'Fernshaw' and the associated stables, coach house and quarters at the rear. 'Fernshaw' is one of the most significant of the works of Davidson and

Henderson and most notable for the finely detailed iron balcony verandah and ornament derived from Victorian gothic traditions.

## REFERENCES

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Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	21124
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## Physical Description 1

Largely intact, 2 storey symmetrical house with some Gothic elements & single storey stables. Both are brick with basalt plinths, have gable roofs clad in slate tiles with cast iron gutters and decorative timber bargeboards.

House: recessed entry porch with cast iron verandah above (now glazed with low rendered wall), decorative timber fascia boards, rendered details including quoining, quatrefoil motifs & banding. Faceted bays to ground level, timber sash windows with basalt sills, leadlight highlight & sidelights to door, elaborate brick chimneys with rendered details & terracotta pots (now painted).

Distinctive stables: curved bay at 1 end, contrasting banding, 2 later openings to south wall (whose parapet may have been truncated), arched timber sash windows.

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