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## Residence - Former Boat House x 2



21307 10 12 Ewing Blyth  
Drive

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### Location

10 Ewing Blyth Drive, BARWON HEADS VIC 3227 - Property No 226208

### Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

### Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1649

### Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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### Statement of Significance

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#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house at 10 Ewing Blyth Drive comprising two former boat sheds is **aesthetically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. While the rear of the boat sheds have been substantially altered during their conversion into a house, they continue to demonstrate original design qualities of a Late Federation style. These qualities include the two

projecting gable roof forms which are linked by a recessed gable that traverses the site. Other intact qualities include the horizontal weatherboard wall cladding and galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, timber framed double hung windows, double timber doors under both gable porches, worked timber porch posts with worked timber brackets on the southern porch, and the flying gables of vertical timber fretwork. The substantial Norfolk Island pine and cypress trees on the site contribute to the significance of the place.

The house at 10 Ewing Blyth Drive comprising two former boat sheds is historically significant at a STATE level. It is associated with the decision by the Government to outlaw the practice of private occupation of foreshore, which later became a uniform policy throughout the State. It is also **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level for its associations with the half a mile of boatsheds once located on the Barwon Heads foreshore.

The house at 10 Ewing Blyth Drive comprising two former boat sheds is socially significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is recognised by the community for its associations with the development of Barwon Heads as a holiday resort at the turn of the century and demonstrates, in architectural terms, a custom of beach recreation that is no longer in use.

Overall, the house at 10 Ewing Blyth Drive comprising two former boat sheds is of **LOCAL** significance.

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## Physical Description 1

The house at 10 Ewing Blyth Drive comprising two former boat sheds has visual connections to five Moreton Bay Fig trees immediately to the north, together with the Barwon Heads Park to the east and the corner store to the northeast. This house has substantial front and side setbacks which are shown on the 1976 BHSA Plan of Drainage.<sup>7</sup> Substantial Norfolk Island pine and cypress trees are situated at the front of the site. This house is also visually connected with other pitched roof, weatherboard houses. The single storey, horizontal weatherboard Late Federation styled house is characterised by two projecting gable roof forms which are linked by a recessed gable that traverses the site. These roof forms are clad in galvanised corrugated iron. Wide overhangs are a feature of the eaves. The early timber framed double hung windows are situated in the recessed section of the

house. The double timber doors under both gable porches are original. A feature of the design is the front gable porches of the former boat sheds. They are each supported by four early worked timber posts with the southern porch having original worked timber brackets. The northern porch has recent worked brackets and window infill. Both porches have recent timber balustrading, which according to the early Boat Shed drawing, was originally a shingled balustrade. The flying gable of vertical timber fretwork on both porches are original design elements.

Description

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