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# "Springfield", Residence

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## Location

532 Bellarine Hwy, LEOPOLD VIC 3224 - Property No 245360

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO287

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The weatherboard Victorian Villa 'Springfield' at Leopold was erected by Denis O'Halloran c 1896 to replace an earlier brick house erected on the site prior to 1857. The residence is a typical example of single storey late Victorian Villa architecture, complete with encircling cast iron verandah and decorated pediment at the entrance. The O'Halloran Family has interesting historical associations with the Bellarine Peninsula property. The house is a good example of vernacular housing of the late nineteenth century.

### References

For Sale or To Let - Springfield cottage and grounds 4 room brick house, slate roof, stables, verandah, loft, coach house, man's room, 16 acres land. 1 April 1958, p.10. 'Springfield: Historic Homes No 2.'

Geelong Historical Society, Investigator Volume 14 No 3 'Springfield' is mentioned in the following issues of the Geelong Advertiser 17 May 1871, 17 August 1873, 4 September 1875

Michael O'Halloran arrived from County Clare, Ireland in 1850 and was employed by the Anderson Family at Fishers Hill, Barrabool. In 1851 he went to the Ballarat goldfields and later in 1853 he married in Sydney. Upon return to Geelong, O'Halloran leased the London Hotel in Moorabool Street, and later again. The Red Lion Hotel.

The date of acquisition of the Springfield property has not been accurately established, but it is possible he purchased at the sale as advertised in 1857. A detailed Title search and examinations of O'Halloran Family records may reveal further evidence relating to acquisitions and construction of the timber house in c 1896.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Geelong Region Historic Buildings and Objects Study, Allan Willingham, 1986;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	21385
Property Number	

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