

---

## Shop



34 Ryrie Street, Geelong



32-34 Ryrie St Geelong.jpg

---

### Location

34 Ryrie Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 300951

### Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1111

### Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

---

### Statement of Significance

Last updated on - December 6, 2018

C Listed - Local Significance

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The shop at 34 Ryrie Street, Geelong, has significance as a moderately intact example of a Victorian commercial style. Built in 1866-67 for Smith and Aitchison who operated a plumbing, painting, glazing, paperhanging and decorating business, the building is a legacy of commercial developments in Geelong during the second half of

the 19th century.

The shop at 34 Ryrie Street is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. Although altered, it still demonstrates original design qualities of a Victorian commercial style. These qualities include the chamfered corner that accentuates its corner location, hipped roof forms clad in slate with galvanised iron flashings, rendered brick chimney and the narrow eaves. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the two storey height, rendered brick wall construction, two bayed compositions of the first floor facades with single openings having timber framed double hung windows and rendered brick sills, similar first floor window opening in the chamfered corner, rendered stringcourse, single doorways on the Ryrie and Fenwick Street facades with timber framed transom windows, segmentally arched double door opening at the corner with the timber framed transom window above and the crowning label moulds punctuated by the keystone, and the ground floor window opening on the Fenwick Street facade.

The shop at 34 Ryrie Street is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with commercial developments in Geelong during the second half of the 19th century. In particular, this shop has associations with Smith and Aitchison, original owners and operators of a plumbing, painting, glazing, paperhanging and decorating business. They instigated the construction of the building in 1866. It was later owned by William Purnell and Sons, builders and linked to the neighbouring Purnell building built in 1911.

Overall, the shop at 34 Ryrie Street is of LOCAL significance.

#### References

Reports and Drainage Plans, Barwon Water profis system, 1923, 1932, 1939, 1994.

Voters Roll, Kardinia Ward, 1992, Geelong Historical Records Centre.

Sands & McDougalls Directory of Geelong, 1972, Geelong Historical Records Centre.

Sands & McDougalls "Invicta" Geelong Directory, 1968, Geelong Historical Records Centre.

Geelong City Council Rate Books (Kardinia Ward), 1863 -1960, Geelong Historical Records Centre.

Town Plan of Geelong 1881, Geelong Historical Records Centre.

Vlassopoulos, Jerry, Smith and Aitchison Building - Conservation Analysis Report, 1989, Geelong Historical Records Centre.

Huddle, L., Ryrie Street, Geelong, Various photographs and Street Survey Map, Authentic Heritage Services.

Removed from the City East Heritage Area

Heritage Study/Consultant	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 'C' Citations Study, Dr David Rowe, 2002; Geelong City Fringe Heritage Area Review, RBA Architects + Conservation Consultants, 2018;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	21800
Property Number	

---

## Physical Description 1

The shop at 34 Ryrie Street, Geelong, is situated at the corner of Ryrie and Fenwick Streets. The two storey, rendered brick, Victorian commercial styled building is characterised by its chamfered corner that accentuates its corner location, and the hipped roof forms clad in slate with early galvanised iron flashings. An early rendered brick chimney adorns the roofline. Narrow overhangs are features of the eaves. The first floor is largely intact and comprises two bayed compositions on the Fenwick and Ryrie Street facades, defined by early openings having early timber framed double hung windows and early rendered brick sills. The decorative timberwork within the head of the openings appears to have been introduced. A similar window opening is situated in the chamfered corner. Defining the separation between the first and ground floors is an early rendered stringcourse, but the separation is now more pronounced by the introduced cantilevering verandah.

The ground floor has experienced a number of alterations, although the single doorways on the Ryrie and Fenwick Street facades with timber framed transom windows appear to be early, as does the segmentally arched double door opening at the corner, with the timber framed transom window above and the crowning label moulds punctuated by a keystone. The window opening on the Fenwick Street facade also appears to be early.

However, the glazed black wall tiles to the ground floor facades have been introduced, as has the dentillated moulding above the corner doorway, the surround about the single doorway fronting Ryrie Street, and the aluminium framed shopfront windows on both facades.

*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*