
Dalgety & Co.



Dalgety & Co - Shop - 1-
5 Malop Street, Geelong

Location

1 Malop Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 302504

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

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Heritage Overlay Numbers

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HO986

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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Statement of Cultural Significance

The Dalgety and Co. Ltd. building, 1-7 Malop Street, has significance as an intact example of the interwar modern French Renaissance (Classical) style and for its long associations with the Dalgety company. Built in 1924-25 as the company's administrative offices to a design by the Geelong architects Laird and Buchan, the building appears to be in good condition.

The Dalgety and Co. Ltd building is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. It demonstrates original design qualities of the interwar modern French Renaissance (Classical) style. These qualities include the giant Ionic colonnades of flat stuccoed pilasters, solid banded corners with deep and narrow steel framed windows (emphasising the verticality of the corners), large austere entablatures containing a Greek key pattern (typical of the style) and the title "Dalgety and Co. Ltd", projecting dentillated cornice and the rudimentary parapet having stepped piers that form the terminals to the banded corners below. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the symmetrical composition, two storey height (plus basement), steel framed 12 paned windows, stuccoed transoms having incised rectangular panelling, plain stuccoed ground floor wall bases, arched ground floor door opening on the Malop Street facade (but not the aluminium framed and glazed doors or blind fanlight above), smooth-finished rendered plinth, incised star-patterning to the parapet piers, timber flag poles that surmount the building, and the parapet signage: "Wool Brokers Land & Stock Agents" and "Wool Shipping, Insurance, Stock".

The Dalgety and Co. Ltd. building is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with commercial wool broking developments in Geelong during the interwar (1920s-1940s) period. In particular, this building has long-term associations with Dalgety and Co. Ltd. as the original owner from 1924-25 until the 1990s. The building also has associations with the Geelong architectural firm of Laird and Buchan. Overall, the Dalgety and Co. Ltd. building is of LOCAL significance.

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Physical Description 1

Description

The Dalgety and Co Ltd building, 1-7 Malop Street, Geelong, is situated on a corner allotment and takes up the full capacity of the site.

The symmetrical, two storey, rendered brick and concrete, interwar modern French Renaissance (Classical) styled building is characterised by giant Ionic colonnades of flat stuccoed pilasters, solid banded corners with deep and narrow steel framed windows (emphasising the verticality of the corners), large austere entablatures containing the a Greek key pattern (typical of the style) and the title "Dalgety and Co. Ltd", projecting dentillated cornice and a rudimentary parapet having stepped piers that form the terminals to the banded corners below.

Between the giant Ionic pilasters are early steel framed 12 paned windows on the first floor. The first and second floors are separated by stuccoed transoms having early incised rectangular panelling. Similar windows define most of the bays of the Gheringhap Street facade which also have plain stuccoed wall bases, except for the southern bay near the corner of Gheringhap and Malop Streets, which has a larger and altered opening and blind transom panel above. Identical altered windows also flank the central arched ground floor door opening on the Malop Street facade. This opening has introduced aluminium framed and glazed doors with a blind fanlight above (the doorway was originally banded and open, leading recessed doors within).

Other early features of the design include the smooth-finished rendered plinth (although the early steel framed basement windows have been blocked up or removed), incised star-patterning to the parapet piers and the timber flag poles that surmount the building. The signage on the parapet appears to be early. On the Gheringhap Street facade it reads: "Wool Brokers Land & Stock Agents" and on the Malop Street facade it reads: "Wool Shipping, Insurance, Stock".

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