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# Woollen Mills Heritage Area

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## Location

Woollen Mills Heritage Area

## Municipality

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1618

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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The Woollen Mills Heritage Area is historically significant for its extant mill buildings and complexes (Returned Sailors & Soldiers Woollen Mill, Albion Woollen Mill, Office of Collin's Union Mill). It also has a number of individual grand houses ("Barwon Grange", "Sladen House" and "Rosebank") and small cottages remaining with more recent industrial buildings in the area.

The area contains substantial remains of significance: Geelong Woollen Mills - Albion (c1869), office of Collin's Union Mill (works 1874, office 1910, 1940) and Returned Sailors & Soldiers Woollen Mills (c1922). Albion Mill is the oldest remaining Geelong woollen mill, one of a group of four that largely dominated the industry in Geelong in the 19th century.

The area demonstrates the importance of wool manufacturing to Geelong's (Newtown's) development and reflects the economic fortunes of the town. The proximity, vista and orientation of the area to the Barwon River and the nearby wool scouring works reflect its industrial heritage. The Woollen Mills are constructed from stone and brick, are of massive construction, rise to two storeys and are constructed close to the street with little setback.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - City of Newtown Urban Conservation Study, Context Pty Ltd, 1991;
Hermes Number	22191
Property Number	

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