
Shop



56a Mt Pleasant Road,
Belmont

Location

56a Mt Pleasant Road, BELMONT Vic 3216 - Property No 233648

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1832

HO1906

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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C Listed - Local Significance

The shop building at 56A Mount Pleasant Road is aesthetically significant at a LOCAL level. It demonstrates original design qualities of the interwar vernacular shopfront style. These qualities include the high brick walls and parapet, and large projecting timber framed shopfront window and recessed door. Other intact qualities include

the interwar Stripped Classical square, perimeter piers that rise the full height of the building, and the rectangular wall and parapet recession containing the name "Prendergast and Gace, Fine Biscuits". The building also makes a significant contribution to the Edwardian and interwar Californian Bungalow streetscape.

The shop building at 56A Mount Pleasant Road is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with the subdivision of part of Alexander Thomson's "Kardinia" farm into the Kardinia Extended Estate, and with the commercial developments in Belmont during the interwar period. It is also associated with the local Geelong builder, Eric Lyons, who designed and constructed this building, and with Percival Bleasdale, first owner and operator of the confectionary shop.

Overall, the shop building at 56A Mount Pleasant Road is of LOCAL significance.

REFERENCE

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Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - City of Greater Geelong Belmont Heritage Reports, Dr David Rowe, 2007;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	27050
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Physical Description 1

DESCRIPTION

The site at 56A Mount Pleasant Road has visual connections with the recent flowering gum tree-lined streetscape, to the Belmont Common to the east and to the Belmont Primary School to the south-west. This building is set in a streetscape formed by predominantly Edwardian and interwar Californian Bungalow single storey homes. This shop is unlike any of the other buildings along this section of the street. It fronts directly onto Mount Pleasant Road and Thomson Street, and is connected to the interwar Californian Bungalow house at 56 Mount Pleasant Road. These setbacks are shown on the 1937 GWST Plan of Drainage.

The single storey, brick, interwar vernacular shop building is characterised by a high parapet, large projecting shopfront window and recessed door. The building has an affinity with the interwar stripped Classical style - in that the square, perimeter piers (that rise the full height of the building) are shaved of any ornamentation except for rectangular painted brick caps. Within the wall and parapet is a rectangular recession which contains the name "Prendergast and Gace, Fine Biscuits".

A painted band and a recent awning separate the upper part of the building from the timber framed, glazed shopfront which is supported on a stucco plinth. The timber entrance door appears to be early.

The Thomson Street facade is a solid red brick wall, with a stepped parapet line.

Recent additions have been constructed on the east side.

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