Green Gables
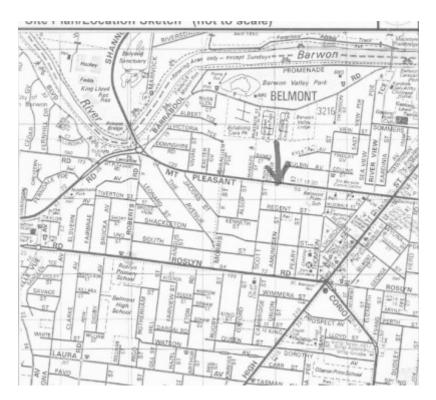

65 Mt Pleasant Road, Belmont

27051 Mt Pleasant Road No 65 Map

Location

65 Mt Pleasant Road, BELMONT Vic 3216 - Property No 233672

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1833

HO1908

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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The house known as Green Gables at 65 Mount Pleasant Road is aesthetically significant at a REGIONAL level. It demonstrates original design qualities of an eclectic interwar Bungalow style. These qualities include the steeply pitched gable roof that traverses the site, together with the other minor projecting gables. Other intact qualities include the painted rendered reinforced concrete construction (with small areas of early horizontal weatherboard wall cladding), cement roof tiles, wide eaves and exposed rafters, two unpainted brick chimneys with soldier course cappings, timber framed double hung windows arranged as pairs or horizontal banks of three, oculus window, arched verandah openings (including arched openings with introduced glazing), first floor balcony opening, timber and glazed? front door and sidelight, decorative vertical recessions in the balcony balustrading, window leadlighting and the gable shingling. The early garden, trees and front fence contribute to the significance of the place. The house also contributes to the predominantly single storey Edwardian and interwar Californian Bungalow streetscape.

The house known as Green Gables at 65 Mount Pleasant Road is historically significant at a REGIONAL level. It is associated with Frederick Brand, original owner, whose landholdings were subdivided as Brands subdivision, and as the first owner of this house. It is also associated with Alfred Long, builder, who carried out the concrete work for the approaches of the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

The house known as Green Gables at 65 Mount Pleasant Road is scientifically significant at a REGIONAL level. It illustrates unusual reinforced concrete construction for a domestic building of the 1920s and is of importance for contributing to an understanding of this form of construction.

Overall, the house known as Green Gables at 65 Mount Pleasant Road is of REGIONAL significance.

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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,
Other Names	Green Gables,
Hermes Number	27051
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Physical Description 1

DESCRIPTION

The site at 65 Mount Pleasant Road has visual connections with the T Spoon Eatery building to the north-east and to the Belmont Common to the east. This house is set in a streetscape formed by predominantly single storey homes of varying periods and styles. The house has a large setback to the front and typical side setbacks, with a driveway along the side. These setbacks are shown on the 1927 GWST Plan of Drainage. The site has substantial early trees in the front yard, and is bound by an early rendered reinforced concrete? fence with decorative steel trusses, approximately 1200 mm high (with gate pillars approximately 1500mm high).

The asymmetrical, two storey, rendered reinforced concrete (and horizontal weatherboard), eclectic interwar Bungalow is characterised by a steeply pitched gable roof that traverses the site, together with other single and double storey projecting gables. These roof forms are clad in early? cement tiles. Two early, unpainted brick chimneys with soldier course cappings adorn the roofline. Wide overhangs and exposed rafters are features of the eaves. The early timber framed windows are double hung and arranged as pairs or horizontal banks of three. An oculus window and arched window (with introduced glazing) also adorn the street facade, while other features of the design are the arched corner verandah porch, and first floor balcony. The timber and glazed? door and sidelight also appears to be early.

Early decorative features of the design include vertical recessions in the balcony balustrading, window leadlighting and the gable shingling.

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