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# Elderslie Estate Heritage Area

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## Location

Elderslie Estate Heritage Area Belmont, Greater Geelong City

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1909

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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The Elderslie Estate Heritage Area, Belmont, has significance as a highly intact interwar and postwar residential area established from 1923 as part of the Elderslie Estate subdivision, with the eastern portion created in the 1940s as part of the Cuthbertson Estate subdivision. The area is characterised by varying types of interwar Bungalows and postwar modern Bungalows built between 1925 and the 1950s. Most houses have brick or timber weatherboard construction, detached compositions, hipped and/or gabled roof forms clad in corrugated sheet metal or terracotta tiles, front or side verandahs or porches (with detailing reflecting the style of the dwelling) and rear or side garaging. The area is further characterised by front landscaped settings with regular front and side setbacks and sympathetic front fences. A local landmark is the grouping of modestly-scaled semi-detached interwar brick cottages known as the Miller Homes which overlook the Barwon River valley. The area originally formed part of James Clark Wallace's Elderslie homestead from the 1850s, the area known as Strawberry Hill in the 19th century. Wallace's homestead was demolished to allow for the initial 21-allotment Elderslie Estate subdivision in 1923 and consequently the building of some of the earlier interwar Bungalows in the area today.

The Elderslie Estate Heritage Area is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level (AHC D.2). It demonstrates original and early design qualities associated with residential developments between 1925 and the 1950s. The intact qualities include the varying interwar Bungalow and postwar modern Bungalow designs, with their detached compositions, single storey height, hipped and/or gabled roof forms (with a pitch between 20 and 35 degrees), wide eaves, timber framed double hung windows, brick and timber weatherboard wall construction, prominent chimneys and front or side verandahs. The low-medium height front fencing (of designs and construction

sympathetic with the era of the dwellings) also contributes to the significance of the place. An architectural variation in the area is the Miller Homes at 7 Culbin Avenue. This grouping of modestly scaled semi-detached brick interwar cottages overlooks the Barwon River valley. The rear facades of the buildings therefore front onto Culbin Avenue.

The Elderslie Estate Heritage Area is aesthetically significant at a LOCAL level (AHC E.1). It demonstrates important visual qualities that include the front substantial garden settings, regular grassed nature strips and the mature exotic trees at the Miller Homes.

The Elderslie Estate Heritage Area is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with residential development during the interwar and postwar periods as a result of the subdivision of the area as the Elderslie Estate from 1 December 1923, together with an eastern extension of Culbin Avenue in the 1940s as part of the Cuthbertson Estate. Most of the dwellings in the area were built between 1925 and the 1950s. The area also has associations the 5-acre Elderslie Homestead originally owned by the local solicitor, James Clark Wallace from the 1850s. The homestead was demolished as part of the subdivision in the 1920s. The local landmark in the area is the Miller Homes, which have associations with the Geelong philanthropist, Alexander Miller, who bequeathed a Trust that enabled the construction of homes for elderly women and women of lesser means.

Overall, the Elderslie Estate Heritage Area is of LOCAL significance.

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