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# "Moondara" - residence

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## Location

57 Seaview Avenue, BARWON HEADS VIC 3227 - Property No 238157

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1702

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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The house at 57 Seaview Avenue is *aesthetically* significant at a LOCAL level. Although relocated and altered, it still demonstrates some original design qualities of a Late Victorian style, together with interwar Bungalow elements that resulted after its removal. These qualities include the steeply pitched gable roof form that traverses the site, and a skillion front verandah with a central entrance gablet. Other intact qualities include the horizontal weatherboard wall cladding, c.1925 unpainted brick chimney, c.1925 timber framed double hung windows, gablet shingling and the side gable paneling and battening.

The house at 57 Seaview Avenue is *historically* significant at a REGIONAL level. The building was the first denominational school in the Barwon Heads region. This site is also historically significant for its associations with the Barwon Heads Estate subdivision of 1891 and the Riverside Estate subdivision of 1920.

The house at 57 Seaview Avenue is *socially* significant at a LOCAL level. It is still recognised by parts of the Barwon Heads community for its association as a school house in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Overall, the house at 57 Seaview Avenue is of LOCAL significance.

## References

See Heritage Victoria file no. 605113

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## Physical Description 1

### Description

The site at 57 Seaview Avenue has visual connections to the substantial Norfolk pine to the south and to other single storey, horizontal weatherboard pitched roof houses of mixed styles and periods. This house has typical front and side setbacks, which are shown on the 1978 BHSA Plan of Drainage. The front is bound by a timber lattice fence, approximately 1500mm high.

The symmetrical, single storey, horizontal weatherboard, predominately Victorian styled former school house is characterised by a steeply pitched gable roof form that traverses the site, and a skillion front verandah with a central entrance gablet. A c.1925 unpainted brick chimney adorns the roofline. The c.1925 timber framed double hung interwar Bungalow windows are symmetrically arranged in pairs on the street facade, about a central front door.

A feature of the design is the front verandah with its central gablet. The verandah is supported by recent timber columns with worked timber brackets.

Decorative features that appear to originate from c.1925 include the gablet shingling and the side gable paneling and battening.

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