

## GEELONG CITY 'C' CITATIONS

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**Site Name:** Residence

**Project File No:** 1093

**Address:** 376 Myers Street East Geelong 3219

**Approx. Date:** 1928

**Integrity:** High

**Significance Level:** C (Local)

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### History

This site at 376 Myers Street, East Geelong, is located on Lot 10/2 LP 6312, which is part of Allotment 4, Section 88, of the Geelong Town Plan of 1923. The original owner of the land was F. Rushbrook.

In 1927, Raymond Robert Phillips, an accountant of 30 Gurr Street, purchased this site from H. R. A. Avery, retired gentleman of Ormond Road. He had a 5 roomed weatherboard house built at that time. Phillips resided at this address for the next 45 years until at least 1972. Present owners, Gary Lester and D.M. Smith had acquired the property by 1981.

### Description

The house at 376 Myers Street, East Geelong, is set on an average-sized allotment for the local area. It has a sizeable front setback and narrow side setback. The front garden consists of brick pedestrian paths, perimeter flower gardens and grassed areas, and exotic trees. The front is bound by an introduced timber picket fence and gate, approximately 1300 mm high.

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The asymmetrical, single storey, horizontal weatherboard, interwar Californian Bungalow styled house is characterised by a recessed gable roof form that traverses the site, together with two gables (including a verandah gable) that project towards the street frontage. These roof forms are clad in red-painted and lapped galvanised corrugated iron. Wide overhangs with exposed timber rafters are features of the eaves.

A feature of the design is the recessed central entrance and flanking projecting bowed bays. The entrance has early double timber doors with glazed upper panels, while the projecting bays consist of timber framed double hung windows with vertical timber base panelling. These windows have decorative leadlighting.

Other early decorative features of the design including the gable infill (timber brackets, timber shingling, battening and panelling).

The front verandah gable is supported by square timber columns on early face brick piers with soldier course bands and concrete cappings. The columns have introduced timber brackets.

### Statement of Cultural Significance

The house at 376 Myers Street, East Geelong, has significance as an intact example of the interwar Californian Bungalow style. Built in 1928 for Raymond Phillips, accountant, the house appears to be in good condition when viewed from the street.

The house at 376 Myers Street is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. It demonstrates original design qualities of the interwar Californian Bungalow style. These qualities include the recessed gable roof form that traverses the site, together with the two gables (including a verandah gable) that project towards the street frontage. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the asymmetrical composition, single storey height, horizontal weatherboard wall cladding, red-painted and lapped galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, wide eaves with exposed timber rafters, recessed central entrance with double timber doors having glazed upper panels, projecting bowed bays with timber framed double hung windows and vertical timber base panelling, decorative window leadlighting, gable infill (timber brackets, timber shingling, battening and panelling), and the square timber verandah columns on face brick piers with soldier course bands and concrete cappings. The front fence also contributes to the significance of the place.

The house at 376 Myers Street is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with residential developments in East Geelong during the interwar (1920s-1940s) period. In particular, this house has associations with Raymond Phillips, accountant and original owner who had it built in 1928.

Overall, the house at 376 Myers Street is of LOCAL significance.

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