

**GREATER GEELONG OUTER AREAS HERITAGE STUDY: STAGE 2**

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<b>Existing Use/Type</b>		<b>Key Dates</b>		<b>Site Address</b>	
Rural Residential		Original 1913		No. <input type="text" value="10"/> Street/Site Name Ewing Blyth Drive	
Survey Date 20/07/1998		Major Changes 1936		Town/Suburb Barwon Heads	
Cons Man Plan <input type="text"/>		Precinct Name Flinders		Postcode 3227	
Recorded By David Rowe		Current Site Name Ballara (former boat sheds x 2)			



**Heritage Status**

**Register of the National Estate**  
Database No.  File No.

**Victorian Heritage Register**

**Planning Scheme:**

**Heritage Inventory (Archaeological)**

**National Trust Register:**

**Other:**

**Recommended Heritage Listings**

Victorian Heritage Register  
 Victorian Heritage Inventory  
 Register of the National Estate  
 HO City of Greater Geelong

**Heritage Study Degrees of Significance**

A H C Assessment Criteria		Significance Level
Aesthetic value	<input type="text" value="D.2"/>	<input type="text" value="Local"/>
Historic value	<input type="text" value="A.4"/>	<input type="text" value="State"/>
Scientific value	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Social value	<input type="text" value="G.1"/>	<input type="text" value="Local"/>
<b>Overall Significance Level</b>		<input type="text" value="Local"/>

**Condition of the fabric**

Excellent  
 Good  
 Fair  
 Poor  
 Ruinous  
 Unexposed

**Integrity of the site**

Excellent  
 Good  
 Fair  
 Poor  
 Partially excavated  
 Fully excavated

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TECHNICAL SHEET

Precinct Name

**Site Plan/Location Sketch (not to scale)**

**Site Address**

No.  Street/Site Name

Town/Suburb  Postcode

Site Name

**Australian Map Grid Co-ordinates**

E 280625km N 5759575km

Map

Scale

Ownership

**Cadastral Location**

County

Parish

Allotment

Block

**Types of Sites**

- |                                       |  |   |                                     |   |                                    |  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> monument     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> recreational | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> residential | <input type="checkbox"/> aviation   | <input type="checkbox"/> gate               | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building |
| <input type="checkbox"/> industrial   | <input type="checkbox"/> public                  | <input type="checkbox"/> infrastructure         | <input type="checkbox"/> relic/ruin | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> tree(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> religious | <input type="checkbox"/> educational         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> agricultural | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> maritime    | <input type="checkbox"/> fence      | <input type="checkbox"/> garden             | <input type="checkbox"/> machinery | <input type="checkbox"/> miscellaneous       |

**Historical Themes**

	AHC Theme No.		AHC Theme No.
Heritage Study Theme		Heritage Study Theme	
Early settlement	<input type="text"/>	Industry	<input type="text"/>
Maritime	<input type="text" value="mmBeaches"/>	Community Life	<input type="text" value="clHomes"/>
Tourism	<input type="text" value="tmAccommodation"/>	Urbanization	<input type="text"/>
Transport	<input type="text"/>	Landscapes	<input type="text"/>
Townships	<input type="text"/>	Miscellaneous	<input type="text"/>

**Significant Architectural Features**

- Original Materials
- Original Chimneys
- Wall Decoration
- Verandah Structure
- Verandah Decoration
- Original Parapet
- Other Prominent Elevations
- Appropriate Fence
- Early Garden

<b>Roof</b>	<input type="text" value="Form"/>
<b>Openings</b>	<input type="text" value="Doors &amp; Windows"/>
<b>Decoration</b>	<input type="text" value="Verandah"/>
<b>Finish</b>	<input type="text" value="Painted"/>
<b>Stylistic Character</b>	<input type="text" value="Late Federation (Boat Sheds)"/>

**Present Threats**

- Human; mining
- Human; visitor erosion
- Human; vandalism
- Human; development
- Human; conservation/maintenance
- Human; stock
- Natural Forces; erosion
- Natural Forces; vegetation
- Not threatened

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Site Address	No.	Street/Site Name	Town/Suburb	Postcode
	10	Ewing Blyth Drive	Barwon Heads	3227
			<b>Site Name</b>	Ballara (former boat sheds x 2)
<b>Description</b>				
<p>The house at 10 Ewing Blyth Drive comprising two former boat sheds has visual connections to five Moreton Bay Fig trees immediately to the north, together with the Barwon Heads Park to the east and the corner store to the north-east. This house has substantial front and side setbacks which are shown on the 1976 BHSA Plan of Drainage.<sup>7</sup> Substantial Norfolk Island pine and cypress trees are situated at the front of the site. This house is also visually connected with other pitched roof, weatherboard houses.</p> <p>The single storey, horizontal weatherboard Late Federation styled house is characterised by two projecting gable roof forms which are linked by a recessed gable that traverses the site. These roof forms are clad in galvanised corrugated iron. Wide overhangs are a feature of the eaves. The early timber framed double hung windows are situated in the recessed section of the house. The double timber doors under both gable porches are original.</p> <p>A feature of the design is the front gable porches of the former boat sheds. They are each supported by four early worked timber posts with the southern porch having original worked timber brackets. The northern porch has recent worked brackets and window infill. Both porches have recent timber balustrading, which according to the early Boat Shed drawing, was originally a shingled balustrade. The flying gable of vertical timber fretwork on both porches are original design elements.</p>				
<b>History</b>				
<p>The two former boat sheds comprising the house at 10 Ewing Blyth Drive were constructed in c.1913 to a standard design developed for the Geelong Harbour Trust by A.T. Macllam?, engineer.<sup>8</sup> This appears to have been the second standard design developed for the Geelong Harbour Trust, for the architects Seeley and King had provided the Trust with a design in 1905.<sup>1</sup> This earlier standard design resulted from a need to improve the type and quality of boat shed on the Barwon Heads foreshore.<sup>1</sup> The <i>Geelong Advertiser</i> reported in 1906 that until the Geelong Harbour Trust had decided to bring the sheds up to a 'proper standard', there were a 'nondescript class of boat sheds ... erected at Barwon Heads',<sup>1</sup> being 'built from packing cases and the lining of packing cases.'<sup>2</sup> Macllum's drawing of the boat sheds that comprises most of the house at 10 Ewing Blyth Drive has the boat sheds measuring 38 feet by 12 feet, plus the porch with built in seats either side.<sup>8</sup> This house is presently located on a site that had a weatherboard cottage on it from at least 1891, that was part of the Mount Colite Hotel owned by George Golightly.<sup>5</sup> In 1935-36, Golightly sold the land and cottage to Lydia Lily Millett of Barkly Street, East Ballarat, for £550.<sup>4</sup> She had the cottage removed soon after.<sup>4</sup> Miss Millett's two boat sheds numbering 14 and 15 on the Barwon River foreshore - previously used for beach recreation - appear to have been relocated to this site in 1936-37 and incorporated into the construction of this house.<sup>4</sup> She owned the house until at least the 1940s, but it was owned by Clyde James and Herbert Griffiths of Hawthorn in 1958-59.<sup>4</sup> They owned the property at least until the mid 1970s<sup>7</sup> and it is currently named "Ballara".</p>				
<b>Heritage Precinct: Significant Urban Character Features visually connected to this place</b> <i>(this section is only applicable to places in precincts)</i>				
			<b>Precinct Name</b>	Flinders
<b>Neighbouring Buildings</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Similar Types <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Bulk/Form <input type="checkbox"/> Similar Styles <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Architectural Detailing <input type="checkbox"/> Similar Construction Dates <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Materials & Finishes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Set Backs <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Fence Designs & Locations			
	<b>Urban Design</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant Historical Development <input type="checkbox"/> Original Paving <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant Urban Focii <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Allotment Sizes <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Views <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Street Furniture <input type="checkbox"/> Original Kerbing		
<b>Landscaping</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Treelines <input type="checkbox"/> Public Gardens <input type="checkbox"/> Median Strips <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nature Strips			

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SIGNIFICANCE STATEMENT

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## Comparative Listings

- 11 Flinders Parade, Barwon Heads
- 14 Ewing Blyth Drive, Barwon Heads

... History Continued ...

The relocation of the boat sheds from the foreshore to the site at 10 Ewing Blyth Drive resulted from a change to the Land Act. The Harbour Trust's leasing of the foreshore allotments for the boat sheds was carried out without first obtaining the consent of the Governor-in-Council as required by the Act.<sup>2</sup> With the increase of licensees of the sheds staying for longer periods and more sheds being constructed, the local people became alarmed that their beach was being overtaken.<sup>2</sup> The fact that the sheds were in breach of the Act was used by the residents to bring about their removal. From 1920 until 1935, controversy raged between the local residents, Harbour Trust, Health Commission, the Government and the licensees of the sheds as to the validity of the structures on the foreshore.<sup>2</sup> Finally, in the 1935-36 financial year, the Lands Department renewed the boatsheds' licenses for the last time, as Cabinet had bowed to public pressure and stopped the further leasing of the foreshore land.<sup>2,6</sup> The first boat shed to leave the Barwon Heads foreshore occurred on 5 June, 1936, owned by Mrs Walter Kernot.<sup>2</sup> Over half of the 56 boatsheds were later relocated to Ocean Grove.<sup>2</sup> According to Norm Houghton, the 'Barwon Heads example later formed the basis for a uniform policy on private occupation of foreshore throughout the State.'<sup>2</sup>

## Statement of Cultural Significance

The house at 10 Ewing Blyth Drive comprising two former boat sheds is **aesthetically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. While the rear of the boat sheds have been substantially altered during their conversion into a house, they continue to demonstrate original design qualities of a Late Federation style. These qualities include the two projecting gable roof forms which are linked by a recessed gable that traverses the site. Other intact qualities include the horizontal weatherboard wall cladding and galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, timber framed double hung windows, double timber doors under both gable porches, worked timber porch posts with worked timber brackets on the southern porch, and the flying gables of vertical timber fretwork. The substantial Norfolk Island pine and cypress trees on the site contribute to the significance of the place.

The house at 10 Ewing Blyth Drive comprising two former boat sheds is **historically** significant at a **STATE** level. It is associated with the decision by the Government to outlaw the practice of private occupation of foreshore, which later became a uniform policy throughout the State. It is also **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level for its associations with the half a mile of boatsheds once located on the Barwon Heads foreshore.

The house at 10 Ewing Blyth Drive comprising two former boat sheds is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is recognised by the community for its associations with the development of Barwon Heads as a holiday resort at the turn of the century and demonstrates, in architectural terms, a custom of beach recreation that is no longer in use.

Overall, the house at 10 Ewing Blyth Drive comprising two former boat sheds is of **LOCAL** significance.

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