

GREATER GEELONG OUTER AREAS HERITAGE STUDY: STAGE 2

<b>Existing Use/Type</b> Rural Residential	<b>Key Dates</b> Original 1890 Major Changes 1977c	<b>Site Address</b> Street/Site Name Ewing Blyth Drive Town/Suburb Barwon Heads Postcode 3227
Survey Date 20/07/1998	Cons Man Plan	Town/Suburb Barwon Heads
Recorded By David Rowe	Precinct Name Flinders	Current Site Name House



**Heritage Status**

Register of the National Estate  
Database No. [ ] File No. [ ]

Victorian Heritage Register  
[ ]

Planning Scheme:  
C.G.G. [ ] HO1649 [ ]

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 [ D.2 ]	[ Local ]
Historic value [ A.4, H.1, ]	[ Regional ]
Scientific value [ F.1 ]	[ Local ]
Social value [ ]	[ ]
<b>Overall Significance Level</b>	<b>[ Local ]</b>

**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 5759520km

Map

Scale

Ownership

**Cadastral Location**

County

Parish

Allotment

Block

**Types of Sites**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> monument     | <input 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 type="checkbox"/> tree(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> religious | <input type="checkbox"/> educational         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> agricultural | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial   | <input type="checkbox"/> maritime               | <input type="checkbox"/> fence      | <input type="checkbox"/> garden  | <input type="checkbox"/> machinery | <input type="checkbox"/> miscellaneous       |

**Historical Themes**

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Early settlement	<input type="text"/>	Industry	<input type="text"/>
Maritime	<input type="text"/>	Community Life	<input type="text" value="clHomes"/>
Tourism	<input type="text"/>	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

Roof

Openings

Decoration

Finish

Stylistic Character

**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 Name		House									
<b>Description</b>												
<p>The house at 18 Ewing Blyth Drive has visual connections to five Moreton Bay Fig trees and substantial cypress trees to the north, together with the Barwon Heads Park to the east and the corner store to the north-east. This house has a substantial front setback and typical side setbacks which are shown on the 1977 BHSA Plan of Drainage.<sup>6</sup> This house is also visually connected with other pitched roof, weatherboard houses.</p> <p>The single storey, horizontal weatherboard Victorian Picturesque house is characterised by a recessed hipped roof, together with a projecting gable to the street frontage and a return skillion verandah. These roof forms appear to be clad in corrugated zincalume.</p> <p>Two early, rendered brick and corbelled chimneys with terra cotta pots adorn the roofline. A parapetted skillion extension has been added to the south-eastern section of the building. Narrow overhangs are a feature of the eaves. The early timber framed double hung windows are singularly arranged on the street facade.</p> <p>A feature of the design is the return verandah. It appears to be supported by recent timber posts.</p> <p>An early decorative feature of the design is the worked timber bargeboards on the projecting gable.</p> <p>An underground tank appears to be located immediately rear of the house, in the south-west corner.<sup>6</sup></p>												
<b>History</b>												
<p>The site at 18 Ewing Blyth Drive appears to have been owned by Howard Hitchcock in the 1880s.<sup>1</sup> In July, 1886, the Geelong Advertiser reported that Hitchcock and George Tait had apparently erected a house at Connewarre (Barwon Heads?).<sup>7</sup> It is likely that the newly-constructed building was this house, for Hitchcock is listed as owning this site in 1887.<sup>1</sup> Hitchcock was a Director of the firm Bright and Hitchcock's, a well known drapery and one of the principal mercantile establishments in Geelong at the turn of the century.<sup>2,3,4,5</sup> He was also to become a Geelong Town Councillor between 1915 and 1931 (and Mayor from 1917-22).<sup>8</sup> This house does appear on the Barwon Heads Estate subdivision plan of 1891.<sup>2</sup> The house was named "Benarto", "Benartie" and "Benarty" between the 1890s and at least the 1920s.<sup>5</sup> By 1920-21, Hitchcock had sold the property to Miss Elva Lowe and she lived there for several years, at least until the mid 1930s.<sup>5</sup> By 1958-59, the house had been purchased by Ruth Alison Stokes of Glenferrie Road, Malvern,<sup>5</sup> and in 1977 it was owned by J. Sprague.<sup>6</sup></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>												
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SIGNIFICANCE SHEET

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## Comparative Listings

## Statement of Cultural Significance

The house at 18 Ewing Blyth Drive is *aesthetically* significant at a **LOCAL** level. Although it has been altered and extended, it still demonstrates some original design qualities of a Late Victorian Picturesque style. These qualities include recessed hipped roof, together with a projecting gable to the street frontage and a return skillion verandah. Other intact qualities include the horizontal weatherboard wall cladding, two rendered brick and corbelled chimneys with terra cotta pots, timber framed double hung windows, and the worked timber bargeboards on the projecting gable.

The house at 18 Ewing Blyth Drive is *historically* significant at a **REGIONAL** level. It is associated the original owner, Howard Hitchcock, Geelong Mayor and Director of the well established firm of Bright and Hitchcock's. The house is also *historically* significant for its associations with the Flinders Estate subdivision of 1887. The underground tank on the site may be *historically* and *scientifically* significant with further documentary and physical research.

Overall, the house at 18 Ewing Blyth Drive is of **LOCAL** significance.

## References

1. 'Plan of the Flinders Estate, Barwon Heads', 1887, Geelong Historical Records Centre.
2. Barwon Heads Estate subdivision plan, 30 March, 1891, Geelong Historical Records Centre.
3. Brownhill & Wynd, *The History of Geelong and Corio Bay With Postscript 1955-1990*, revd. edn., The Geelong Advertiser, Geelong, 1990, p.320.
4. Smith (ed.), *The Cyclopedia of Victoria*, vol. 2, The Cyclopedia Company, Melbourne, 1904, p.456.
5. Shire of South Barwon Rate Books, 1898-99, 1899-1900, 1901-02, 1902-03, 1906-07, 1908-09, 1910-11, 1920-21, 1925-26, 1933-34, 1958-59.
6. Drainage Plans and Inspectors' Reports, Barwon Heads Sewerage Authority, 1977.
7. *Geelong Advertiser*, 19 July, 1886.
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