

**BELMONT HERITAGE REPORT (INDIVIDUAL CITATIONS)  
(FORMERLY PART OF THE GREATER GEELONG OUTER AREAS HERITAGE STUDY STAGE 2)**

ADMINISTRATIVE SHEET

<p><b>Existing Use/Type</b> Suburban Residential</p>	<p><b>Key Dates</b> Original 1916-17</p>	<p><b>Site Address</b> Street/Site Name Kardinia Street</p>
<p><b>Survey Date</b> 16/04/1998</p>	<p><b>Cons Man Plan</b></p>	<p><b>No.</b> 44</p>
<p><b>Major Changes</b></p>		<p><b>Town/Suburb</b> Belmont</p>
<p><b>Recorded By</b> David Rowe</p>		<p><b>Postcode</b> 3216</p>
<p><b>Precinct Name</b> Kardinia</p>		<p><b>Current Site Name</b> Clare</p>



**Heritage Status**

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

**Victorian Heritage Register**

**Planning Scheme:**  
C.G.G.

**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, H.1"/>	<input type="text" value="Regional"/>
Scientific value <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Social value <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<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 267425km N 5771795km

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**

Heritage Study Theme	AHC Theme No.	Heritage Study Theme	AHC Theme No.
Early settlement <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Industry <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Maritime <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Community Life <input type="text" value="clHomes"/>	<input type="text"/>
Tourism <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Urbanization <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Transport <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Landscapes <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Townships <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Miscellaneous <input type="text"/>	<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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	44	Kardinia Street	Belmont	3216
	<b>Site Name</b>		Clare	
<b>Description</b>				
<p>The site at 44 Kardinia Street has visual connections with the historic Kardinia House and with the spires of St. Mary's Church, Geelong. This house is set in a single storey residential streetscape, with homes predominantly of the Edwardian and interwar period. The house has typical front and side setbacks. These setbacks are shown on the 1926 GWST Plan of Drainage.<sup>4</sup> The site is bound at the front by an open aluminium and timber fence. An early and substantial Norfolk pine? tree is situated towards the rear (west) of the site. Also shown on the 1926 GWST Plan is the timber outbuilding associated with the house.<sup>4</sup></p> <p>The predominantly single storey (second storey in roof space), weatherboard, late Federation styled house has a complex arrangement of roof lines of intersecting hips and gables forming a picturesque silhouette with the tall banded chimney with terra cotta chimney pots. The roof is clad in slate tiles which may be original. The projecting gable to the street frontage, together with the return verandah under the main hipped roof are features of the design. The small attic gable on the diagonal is another typical Federation style design element and is possibly early (with recent window treatments).</p> <p>The timber framed windows are grouped in banks of threes under the gable and on the southern end of the front elevation. They appear to form a bay on the north-east corner, oriented on the diagonal. These casement windows appear to be leadlighted on the upper lights.</p> <p>The return verandah and southern verandah are formed under the projecting hipped roof and are supported by early, worked timber posts, and has decorative timber fretwork valances.</p> <p>Other early decorative features include the gable infill (brackets, battening and panelling), window hood above the</p>				
<b>History</b>				
<p>The site at 44 Kardinia Street was originally part of Alexander Thomson's "Kardinia" farm.<sup>3</sup> In October 1890, outlying land to the south of Kardinia House was subdivided and offered for sale and this house is situated on lot 5 of the Kardinia Extended Estate, Section 2.<sup>1</sup> Fred Ebbles, a builder, owned lots 5-7 between 1904 and 1915.<sup>1</sup> He sold lot 5 to Mrs A. Blake who had this house built (possibly by Fred Ebbles?) in a late Federation style in 1916-17.<sup>1</sup> The Blake family owned the house for many years and were still listed as the occupiers in 1972.<sup>2</sup> Mrs Blake's son, L.J. Blake, became a District Inspector for the Education Department and more particularly, a pupil and teacher of the Belmont State School, as well as General Editor of the large publication on the history of State School education, <i>Vision and Realisation</i>.<sup>5</sup> The house is currently named Clare.</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>	Kardinia
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant Views <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Street Furniture <input type="checkbox"/> Original Kerbing		
<b>Landscaping</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Treelines <input type="checkbox"/> Public Gardens <input type="checkbox"/> Median Strips <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nature Strips			

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**Comparative Listings**

**Statement of Cultural Significance**

The house at 44 Kardinia Street is *aesthetically* significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities of the late Federation style which include the asymmetrical and complex arrangement of interlocking hipped and gabled roofs, diagonally oriented attic gable, return and recessed verandahs supported by worked timber columns and the decorative fretwork valance. Other intact qualities include the weatherboard wall cladding, banded brick chimney, timber framed casement windows with leadlighting in the upper lights, window hood, decorative gable infill, and the terra cotta ridge ornaments. The substantial tree towards the rear of the site contributes to the significance of the place.

The house at 44 Kardinia Street is *historically* significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with the subdivision of part of Alexander Thomson's "Kardinia" farm into the Kardinia Extended Estate, Section 2. It is also *historically* significant at a **REGIONAL** level for its long association with the original owners, the Blake family. A son, L.J. Blake made a significant contribution within the Education Department, together with editing the history of the State Education Department publication, *Vision and Realisation*.

Overall, the house at 44 Kardinia Street is of **LOCAL** significance.

**References**

1. Shire of South Barwon Rate Books, 1904-05, 1910-11, 1919-20, 1924-25, 1925-26, 1926-27.
2. *Sands & McDougall's Directory of Victoria*, 1934, 1957 1972.
3. I. Wynd, 'Environmental History: Greater Geelong Outer Areas Heritage Study', vol.2.
4. Drainage Plans and Inspector's Reports, 1926, Barwon Water Profis system. See the next record for details about the timber outbuilding.
5. L.J. Blake (ed.), *Vision and Realisation*, vols 1 & 2.

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