


BELMONT HERITAGE REPORT (INDIVIDUAL CITATIONS)
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<p>Existing Use/Type <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Educational</div></p> <p>Survey Date <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">16/04/1998</div></p> <p>Cons Man Plan <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">High Priority</div></p> <p>Recorded By <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">David Rowe</div></p>	<p>Key Dates Original 1884</p> <p>Major Changes 1960s, 1971</p>	<p>Site Address Street/Site Name <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Mt Pleasant Road</div></p> <p>No. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">31</div></p> <p>Town/Suburb <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Belmont</div></p> <p>Postcode <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">3216</div></p> <p>Current Site Name <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">GATE (fmr Sth Barwon City Offices)</div></p>	A D M I N I S T R A T I V E S H E E T												
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TECHNICAL SHEET

Precinct Name

Site Plan/Location Sketch (not to scale)

Site Address

No. 31

Street/Site Name Mt Pleasant Road

Town/Suburb Belmont

Postcode 3216

Site Name

GATE (fmr Sth Barwon City Offices)

Australian Map Grid

Co-ordinates

E 267275km N 5771685km

Map

Melway map 227

Scale

1:20,000

Ownership

Occupier only

Cadastral Location

County Grant

Parish Barrabool

Allotment

Block

Types of Sites

<input type="checkbox"/> monument	<input type="checkbox"/> recreational	<input type="checkbox"/> residential	<input type="checkbox"/> aviation	<input type="checkbox"/> gate	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> building
<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/> relic/ruin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> tree(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> religious	<input checked="" 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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Heritage Study Theme		AHC Theme No.	Heritage Study Theme		AHC Theme No.
Early settlement			Industry		
Maritime			Community Life		
Tourism			Urbanization		
Transport			Landscapes		
Townships	tpsMunicipal		Miscellaneous		

Significant Architectural Features

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

Roof	Form & Finish
Openings	
Decoration	
Finish	
Stylistic Character	Victorian (altered)

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 GATE (fmr Sth Barwon City Offices)	

Description

The site at 31-33 Mount Pleasant Road has visual connections with the recent flowering gum tree-lined streetscape and to the Belmont Common to the east. This building is set in a streetscape formed by predominantly Edwardian and interwar Bungalow single storey homes. The building has narrow front and wide side setbacks, due to the large size of the block. These setbacks are shown on the 1927 GWST Plan of Drainage.⁴ Substantial Palm and Morton Bay trees are located on the site.

The substantially altered single storey, symmetrical, painted brick Victorian styled building is characterised by an early slate hipped roof form, together with later battlemented parapet extensions that project to the street frontage and to the sides. Two early large rendered corbelled chimneys adorn the original roof line.

Subsequent alterations have also occurred to the front extensions. An inappropriate, central entrance portico, supported by timber posts with lattice between, is a particular focal point. The battlemented parapet forms have 1960s double hung windows that wrap around the corners.

Early decorative features of the original design include the worked timber eaves brackets.

History

This building was the Shire of South Barwon Hall, Offices and Free Library.¹ It replaced an earlier building on the site.¹ On 5 July, 1884, the foundation stone for the building was laid by William Higgins, Shire President.¹ A bottle containing particulars of the foundation stone ceremony was placed under the stone.¹ In 1958, the Library moved to a new building.² Extensions to the front and sides were carried out on the building in the 1960s and in 1970 an alternative Council Chamber was purchased in Thomson Street.² Additional office space was gained by the purchase of an adjoining house in Mount Pleasant Road in 1971.² The building ceased operations as the Shire Hall and Offices in 1978 when a new complex was constructed in Reynolds Road, to the design by D. Graeme Williams and Associates.² In more recent years, the building has been the home of the G.A.T.E. (Geelong Adult Training and Education) centre.

Heritage Precinct: Significant Urban Character Features visually connected to this place
(this section is only applicable to places in precincts)

Precinct Name

Neighbouring Buildings	<input type="checkbox"/> Similar Types	<input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Bulk/Form
	<input type="checkbox"/> Similar Styles	<input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Architectural Detailing
	<input type="checkbox"/> Similar Construction Dates	<input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Materials & Finishes
	<input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Set Backs	<input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Fence Designs & Locations

Urban Design	<input type="checkbox"/> Significant Historical Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Paving
	<input type="checkbox"/> Significant Urban Focii	<input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Allotment Sizes
	<input type="checkbox"/> Significant Views	<input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Street Furniture
	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Kerbing	

Landscaping ☐ Treelines ☐ Public Gardens ☐ Median Strips ☐ Nature Strips

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	Comparative Listings				
P A G E 4 o f 4	Statement of Cultural Significance				
	<p>The building at 31-33 Mount Pleasant Road is <i>aesthetically</i> significant at a LOCAL level. Although substantially altered, it still demonstrates original design qualities of the mid Victorian style. These qualities include the symmetrical, hipped slate roof form, rendered chimneys with cornices, and the worked timber eaves brackets. The exotic palm and Morton Bay trees on the site contribute to the significance of the place. The building also makes a significant contribution to the predominantly single storey Edwardian and interwar Californian Bungalow streetscape.</p>				
	<p>The building at 31-33 Mount Pleasant Road is <i>historically</i> significant at a REGIONAL level. It is associated with the former Shire of South Barwon, having previously functioned as the Shire Hall, Offices and Free Library until 1978.</p>				
	<p>The building at 31-33 Mount Pleasant Road is <i>socially</i> significant at a REGIONAL level. It is recognised by the community as having public value as an adult education centre and is held in high esteem for its past associations with the former Shire of South Barwon.</p>				
	<p>Overall, the building at 31-33 Mount Pleasant Road is of LOCAL significance.</p>				
	<p>It is highly recommended that a Conservation Management Plan be carried out on the property.</p>				
References					
<p>1. Brownhill & Wynd, The History of Geelong and Corio Bay With Postscript 1955-1990, pp.97-98.</p> <p>1. Pescott, South Barwon 1857-1985, p.25, 35.</p>					