

**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>Survey Date</b> 16/04/1998</p> <p><b>Cons Man Plan</b>  </p> <p><b>Recorded By</b> David Rowe</p>	<p><b>Key Dates</b> Original 1937-38</p> <p><b>Major Changes</b>  </p> <p><b>Precinct Name</b> Kardinia</p>	<p><b>Site Address</b> Street/Site Name Mt Pleasant Road</p> <p><b>No.</b> 56A</p> <p><b>Town/Suburb</b> Belmont</p> <p><b>Postcode</b> 3216</p> <p><b>Current Site Name</b> T Spoon Eatery</p>
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**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 267120km N 5771745km

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 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 checked="" 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"/>	<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" value="tpsCommercial"/>	<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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	56A	Mt Pleasant Road	Belmont	3216
	Site Name <span style="float:right;">T Spoon Eatery</span>			
<b>Description</b>				
<p>The site at 56A Mount Pleasant Road has visual connections with the recent flowering gum tree-lined streetscape, to the Belmont Common to the east and to the Belmont Primary School to the south-west. This building is set in a streetscape formed by predominantly Edwardian and interwar Californian Bungalow single storey homes. This shop is unlike any of the other buildings along this section of the street. It fronts directly onto Mount Pleasant Road and Thomson Street, and is connected to the interwar Californian Bungalow house at 56 Mount Pleasant Road. These setbacks are shown on the 1937 GWST Plan of Drainage.<sup>4</sup></p> <p>The single storey, brick, interwar vernacular shop building is characterised by a high parapet, large projecting shopfront window and recessed door. The building has an affinity with the interwar stripped Classical style - in that the square, perimeter piers (that rise the full height of the building) are shaved of any ornamentation except for rectangular painted brick caps. Within the wall and parapet is a rectangular recession which contains the name "Prendergast and Gace, Fine Biscuits".</p> <p>A painted band and a recent awning separate the upper part of the building from the timber framed, glazed shopfront which is supported on a stucco plinth. The timber entrance door appears to be early.</p> <p>The Thomson Street facade is a solid red brick wall, with a stepped parapet line.</p> <p>Recent additions have been constructed on the east side.</p>				
<b>History</b>				
<p>The site at 56A Mount Pleasant Road was originally part of Alexander Thomson's "Kardinia" farm.<sup>3,5</sup> In October 1891, outlying land to the south of Kardinia House was subdivided and offered for sale and this house was originally situated on lot 1 of the Kardinia Extended Estate.<sup>1,3,5</sup> Harold Jacobs, a draper (and later a surveyor), owned this land from at least 1927-28.<sup>1</sup> He sold it to Percival Bleasdale, a telephone mechanic, in 1936-37.<sup>1</sup> Bleasdale had the local Geelong builder, Eric Lyons, design and build this confectionary shop building in 1937-38.<sup>1,6</sup> The shop was constructed in association with the neighbouring house, also owned and operated by Percival Bleasdale.<sup>1,6</sup> The shop remained under the ownership and occupation of the Bleasdale family for several years, for Bleasdale is still listed as the occupier in 1957.<sup>1</sup> However, J. Kayser, original owner of the Geelong chocolate business, Kaysers (now known as Kayser Cafe), is listed as the occupier in 1972.<sup>2</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>				
			Precinct Name	Kardinia
<b>Neighbouring Buildings</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Similar Types <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Bulk/Form <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 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 checked="" 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 shop building at 56A Mount Pleasant Road is *aesthetically* significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities of the interwar vernacular shopfront style. These qualities include the high brick walls and parapet, and large projecting timber framed shopfront window and recessed door. Other intact qualities include the interwar Stripped Classical square, perimeter piers that rise the full height of the building, and the rectangular wall and parapet recession containing the name "Prendergast and Gace, Fine Biscuits". The building also makes a significant contribution to the Edwardian and interwar Californian Bungalow streetscape.

The shop building at 56A Mount Pleasant Road 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, and with the commercial developments in Belmont during the interwar period. It is also associated with the local Geelong builder, Eric Lyons, who designed and constructed this building, and with Percival Bleasdale, first owner and operator of the confectionary shop.

Overall, the shop building at 56A Mount Pleasant Road is of **LOCAL** significance.

**References**

1. Shire of South Barwon Rate Books, 1924-25, 1936-37, 1937-38.
2. *Sands & McDougall's Directory of Victoria*, 1934, 1939, 1957, 1972.
3. I. Wynd, 'Environmental History: Greater Geelong Outer Areas Heritage Study', vol.2.
4. Drainage Plans and Inspector's Reports, 1929, Barwon Water Profis system.
5. Kardinia Extended Estate Subdivision Plan, 24 October, 1891, B5/100, Geelong Historical Records Centre.
6. Interview by Rowe & Huddle with Mr Eric Lyons, retired Geelong Builder, 3 March, 1999.

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