

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

ADMINISTRATIVE SHEET

<p>Existing Use/Type Suburban Residential</p>	<p>Key Dates Original 1879</p>	<p>Site Address Street/Site Name Mt Pleasant Road</p>
<p>Survey Date 17/04/1998</p>	<p>Cons Man Plan</p>	<p>No. 79</p>
<p>Major Changes 1902-03</p>		<p>Town/Suburb Belmont Postcode 3216</p>
<p>Recorded By David Rowe</p>		<p>Current Site Name House</p>
<p>Precinct Name</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	D.2	Regional
Historic value	A.4	Local
Scientific value	F.1	Local
Social value	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Overall Significance Level		Regional

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 266675km N 5771750km

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 checked="" 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 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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	79	Mt Pleasant Road	Belmont	3216
		Site Name	House	
Description				
<p>The site at 79 Mount Pleasant Road is set in a streetscape formed by predominantly single storey homes of varying periods and styles. The house has a large setback to the front and narrower side setbacks, with a driveway along the side. These setbacks are shown on the 1964-65 GWST Plan of Drainage.⁴ The site is bound at the front by a fence approximately 1200mm high.</p> <p>The asymmetrical, single storey rendered stone and brick, Victorian and Federation styled house is characterised by a dominant hipped roof form, together with a minor gable and broken back verandah that project towards the street frontage. These roof forms are clad in slate tiles. Two early rendered brick and corbelled chimneys adorn the roofline. Wide overhangs are a feature of the eaves. The early (c.1902) timber framed casement windows are arranged as a bank of four under the projecting gable, and as a pair under the verandah, and have leadlighted highlights. The other early (c.1902) timber framed circular window on the north-east corner is flanked by three-paned fixed? windows. The double timber and glazed? front doors may also be early.</p> <p>Early (c.1902) decorative features of the design include the gable infill (timber battening and roughcast panelling).</p> <p>There are also an early c.1880 underground tank situated at the rear of the house, and an early substantial exotic tree at the front, towards the north-east.</p> <p>Unpainted brick units at the front of the site on the north-west corner, are a later addition and do not contribute to the significance of the place.</p>				
History				
<p>The site at 79 Mount Pleasant Road appears to have been owned by Edwin Collins , gentleman, from at least 1879.^{1,5} He had a stone house built there, and by 1883-84, a garden was recorded as part of the site.¹ The early stone house appears to have been of a symmetrical, Victorian styled design, with a hipped roof. In c.1902-03, Collins had alterations and additions carried out,¹ which seems to have included the gabled section and broken back verandah at the front. Upon Edwin Collins's death in 1908-09, the house was occupied by Frank Cavanagh Grace and owned by James Collins and William Higgins.^{1,6} They sold the property to John Harwood in 1910 and he in turn sold it to George Wheatland, an agent, in 1915.^{1,6} Wheatland was also a member of the Geelong Amateur Ethiopian Troupe (or the Mopoke troupe?), who provided entertainments chiefly in aid of charities, for many years.² These troupes presented programs of pronounced appeal, and rarely did they appear without the encouragement of a crowded house.² He was also awarded Life Membership of the Geelong Hospital Board.⁶ Wheatland and his wife, Wilford, lived at this address until 1952, when they sold the house and land to a Mr McClelland.⁶ Two years later, the property was purchased by Mrs Tessa Howard.⁶ It may have been in the early 1960s, when the property was owned by Mrs Howard, that outlying land was subdivided.⁴ In 1983, the house and reduced land was purchased by K.C. Hall.⁶</p>				
Heritage Precinct: Significant Urban Character Features visually connected to this place <i>(this section is only applicable to places in precincts)</i>				
			Precinct Name	<input style="width:150px;" type="text"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Treelines <input type="checkbox"/> Public Gardens <input type="checkbox"/> Median Strips <input type="checkbox"/> Nature Strips			

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Comparative Listings

Statement of Cultural Significance

The house at 79 Mount Pleasant Road is *aesthetically* significant at a **REGIONAL** level. It demonstrates original qualities of both the Victorian and later Federation period, a consequence of the extensions that took place at that time. These qualities include the dominant hipped roof form, together with a minor gable and broken back verandah that project towards the street frontage. Other intact qualities include the rendered stone and brick construction, slate tiled roof cladding, rendered brick and corbelled chimneys, wide eaves, timber framed casement windows arranged as a bank of four under the projecting gable, and as a pair under the verandah (all of which have leadlighted highlights), timber framed circular window flanked by three-paned fixed windows, front timber and glazed double doors, and the gable infill (timber battening and roughcast panelling). The exotic tree at the front contribute to the significance of the place. The house also makes a significant contribution to the predominantly single storey residential streetscape.

The house at 79 Mount Pleasant Road is *historically* significant at a **LOCAL** level. It has associations with Edwin Collins, gentleman, and is one of few substantial stone and brick Victorian homes remaining in Mount Pleasant Road associated with the early development of Belmont. The house also has associations with George Wheatland, a later and long time owner and occupier who was a member of the Geelong Amateur Ethiopian and/or Mopoke Troupe that entertained the Geelong public in aid of charity.

The underground tank at 79 Mount Pleasant is *scientifically* significant at a **LOCAL** level. It possibly illustrates 19th century brick and cement tank construction.

Overall, the house at 79 Mount Pleasant Road is of **REGIONAL** significance.

References

1. Shire of South Barwon Rate Books, 1880-81, 1883-84, 1897-98, 1899-1900, 1900-01, 1901-02, 1903-04, 1904-05, 1905-06, 1906-07, 1907-08, 1908-09, 1909-10, 1910-11, 1911-12, 1913-14, 1914-15, 1915-16, 1916-17, 1917-18, 1918-19, 1920-21, 1921-22, 1923-24, 1924-25, 1925-26, 1926-27.
2. Brownhill & Wynd, *The History of Geelong & Corio Bay With Postscript 1955-1990*, p.105.
3. Sands & McDougall's *Directory of Victoria*, 1934, 1957, 1972.
4. Drainage Plans & Inspector's Reports, 1927, 1944-45, 1964-65, Barwon Water Profis system.
5. J. Pescott, *South Barwon 1857-1985*, p.46.
6. Information kindly forwarded by Mrs Vanessa Palmer, current owner (sourcing Certificate of Title).

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