

**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 1964</p>	<p>Site Address Street/Site Name Mt Pleasant Road</p>
<p>Survey Date 19/08/1998</p>	<p>Cons Man Plan</p>	<p>No. 121</p>
<p>Major Changes</p>		<p>Town/Suburb Belmont</p>
<p>Recorded By David Rowe</p>		<p>Postcode 3216</p>
<p>Precinct Name N/A</p>		<p>Current Site Name House</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="Regional"/>
Historic value	<input type="text" value="A.4"/>	<input type="text" value="Local"/>
Scientific value	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Social value	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Overall Significance Level	<input type="text" value="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 266200km N 5771800km

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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		Site Name	House	
Description				
<p>Located on a sloping corner site, it is bounded by The Avenue, Mt Pleasant Road and Roberts Road. The layout and setbacks on the allotment, (shown on the GWST Plan of Drainage⁵) provide for good solar control and a clear view of the house from three different streets. The house appears to float above the ground as most of the supporting underfloor structure is visible on the sloping site. Good climate control is an important feature of this style and in this design the main living rooms face north and the extensive use of glass in this elevation is protected from the summer sun by appropriate width eaves and vertical louvres on the western end of the pergola. West facing windows are minimised and the carport has been designed to reduce the impact of sun on the western wall.</p> <p>The single storey house demonstrates important light and fresh design qualities of the localised version of the Post War International style. Although several examples of this style, (referred by the architect as 'contemporary'⁴) also known as Post-War Melbourne/Brisbane Regional, may be found in Melbourne and Brisbane,⁶ it is rare in Geelong. Design of this functional and elegant residence was strongly influenced by the work of architects Marcel Bruer and Harry Sidler.⁴ Important features of proportion, scale and detail may be found in the architecture. The flat roof, strictly rectangular window, door and wall planes, and geometric form of the visible parts of the supporting structure serve to reflect the rectangular plan. The materials consist of unpainted western red cedar vertical boarding. Large and extensive use of glass walls with white painted timber joinery except the opening sashes which are painted charcoal. The wall panels below the short windows were painted yellow, red and blue, and the front door was yellow. The verandah, pergola and external stair, accentuate the elevated appearance of the house. The extensive high fence of flat topped unpainted pickets fixed above an unpainted red brick plinth, extends along the three street frontages to the vehicle entrance into the carport. The brickwork returns along the driveway of Lilydale toppings, to the carport. The elevated house is clearly visible and dominant from the surrounding streets above the understated geometric form of the fence. It is in excellent condition with an excellent degree of integrity.</p>				
History				
<p>The house at 121 Mount Pleasant Road is associated with the Geelong architect Ian Melhuish who designed the house in 1964 and has lived in it ever since.⁴ The house and surrounding land has associations with the Jacobs Estate subdivision of c.1925, when major portions of outlying land of Jacobs's property were subdivided and sold as suburban allotments.³ However, this is the first house constructed on this site.</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 type="text" value="N/A"/>
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

None in Geelong.
Earl House, Ridgeway Avenue, Kew, Victoria, 1952-54

Statement of Cultural Significance

The house at 121 Mount Pleasant Road is *aesthetically* significant at a **REGIONAL** level. It demonstrates important simple, light, and fresh design qualities of the localised version of the Post War International style which, although found in Melbourne, is rare in Geelong. The design of this functional and elegant residence was strongly influenced by the work of architects Marcel Bruer and Harry Sidler. Important features are the original geometric form, materials, verandah, pergola, external stair, large glass areas, vertical sun control louvres, the carport with driveway of Lilyday toppings and the extensive fence along the two street frontages. It is in excellent condition with an excellent degree of integrity.

The house at 121 Mount Pleasant Road is *historically* significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with the architect Ian Melhuish who designed the house in 1964 and has lived in it ever since. The house and surrounding land has associations with the Jacobs Estate subdivision of c.1925, when major portions of outlying land of Jacobs's property were subdivided and sold as suburban allotments.

Overall, the house at 121 Mount Pleasant Road is of **REGIONAL** significance.

References

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4. Interview by Lorraine Huddle with the owner and architect, Ian Melhuish, 16 Feb 2000.
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