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# Residence



9 Gertrude Street, Geelong  
West

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## Location

9 Gertrude Street, GEELONG WEST VIC 3218 - Property No 208033

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1124

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO689

HO1961

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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## STATE SIGNIFICANCE - INCLUDED IN HERITAGE PRECINCT

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house is built externally of unpainted rendered brickwork with shingled gable ends and a corrugated iron roof. The prominent projecting gable end forms an entry porch with a balustrade of concrete in a stepped profile. The fence is of random stones set on a concrete base. The western side of the front elevation has an open porch which has been glazed-in to make a 'sleep out'. Externally this appears to be the only alteration. Internally the house is very close to its original condition with only the kitchen and bath room modernized. Internal joinery is typical of the period with dark stained skirtings and architraves, doors and dado panelling. The dining room has a most unusual leaded glass elliptical domed skylight. There are numerous built-in joinery fittings of high quality, original light fittings and switch plates; and the brass plate bearing the name of R/L/ Clement still remains at the front door. The garden contains many plants, for example succulents, that would have been popular for gardens at the time of building.

The stylistic derivation of this building appears to be largely American through the followers of the Prairie School of Frank Lloyd Wright in Chicago. This school of design is characterized largely by the use of low pitched spreading roofs and rustic materials (timber, rough stone or concrete). In addition, the detailing of the timber gable ends and the exposed rafter ends is reminiscent of the work of Greene and Greene, west coast American architects. The bungalow style is derived jointly from several sources. The Americans embraced the style wholeheartedly during the period between the two world wars but it is rare to find such a pure example in Victoria.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - City of Geelong West Urban Conservation Study, Huddle, Aitken and Honman, 1986; Greater Geelong - Ashby Heritage Review, D Rowe and W Jacobs, 2010;
Hermes Number	17153
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### Physical Description 1

This bungalow depicts a clear American derivation of the style and is the only one of its kind among Geelong West's numerous bungalows. The building is important for its degree of intactness both inside and out including unpainted render, high quality joinery, original colour schemes, fence and outbuildings. A rare and intact example of the bungalow style in Victoria. Historically it is important as the first house built on the site and owned by the long established Geelong West family from the time of its construction in 1921 to 1986. It is of state significance.

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