

Victorian Heritage Database Report  
**Barwon Heads Golf Club**

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**Location:**

Golf Links Road, BARWON HEADS VIC 3227 - Property No 227874

**Heritage Status / Level of Significance:**

Included in Heritage Overlay

**Heritage Overlay Numbers:** HO1650, HO1672

**Listing Authority:** Greater Geelong City

**Statement of Significance:**

A Listed - State Significance

The Barwon Heads Golf Clubhouse at 1 Golf Links Road is aesthetically significant at a STATE level. It demonstrates several original design qualities of a grand interwar Californian Bungalow style. These qualities include the dominant gable roof form that traverses the site, together with minor gables, flat roof two storey bay windows, flat roofed verandah porch (with balcony above) and parapetted and tapestry brick, arched entrance that project towards the street frontage. Other intact qualities include the horizontal and vertical weatherboard wall cladding, lapped corrugated fibro cement roof cladding, two unpainted brick chimneys, wide eaves, timber framed double hung windows (some with six-paned upper lights), other timber framed windows, timber and glazed entrance and balcony doors, timber verandah columns (arranged in triplet at the corner and singularly at the ends) supported by unpainted brick piers with projecting cappings, front lounge and dining room with plastered walls, exposed beams, unpainted brick fireplaces, polished timber floors, timber detailing, and the original leather chairs and settees, and the dining room tables and chairs. The Barwon Heads Golf Club at 1 Golf Links Road is historically significant at a STATE level. It is associated with the development of the Barwon Heads golf course of a links design, the first established course of this type in Australia. It is also the first clubhouse with accommodation (for both sexes), based upon country club lines in Victoria. The clubhouse has associations with Laird and Buchan, supervising architects, Klingender and Hamilton, architects, and John Smith and J.C. Taylor and Sons, builders. The Barwon Heads Golf Club at 1 Golf Links Road is socially significant at a STATE level. It is recognised and highly valued by sections of the community for its golf and recreational associations. Overall, the Barwon Heads Golf Club at 1 Golf Links Road is of STATE significance. Recommendation: It is recommended that a Conservation Management Plan be carried out on this building and its immediate surrounds, which considers the Barwon Heads Clubhouse Master Plan.

**References**

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## Description

The Barwon Heads Golf Clubhouse at 1 Golf Links Road is set on raised, sloping ground which overlooks the links course to the south-east and west. Early and substantial cypress trees are situated immediately south of the clubhouse (for other information on the surrounds, particularly the golf course, refer to the Golf Links Precinct). The predominantly two storey, asymmetrical, horizontal and vertical weatherboard, interwar Californian Bungalow, is characterised by a dominant gable roof form that traverses the site, together with minor gables, flat roofed two storey bay windows, flat roofed verandah porch (with balcony above) and a parapetted, tapestry brick and arched entrance that project towards the street frontage. Recent, but appropriate two storey gable alterations and additions are located on the north and west ends, with a new southern wing. The early roof forms are clad in lapped, corrugated fibro cement sheet. Two, early unpainted brick chimneys adorn the roofline. Wide overhangs are a feature of the eaves. The early timber framed double hung windows are arranged singularly, in pairs and projecting bays on the main facade (there are also some pivot and fixed windows, some of which are recent). The upper lights are six-paned in most cases. The timber and glazed entrance doors, and the balcony doors, are also original. A feature of the design is the arched, brick entrance and flat roofed verandah porch. The parapetted arch, together with the timber columns of the verandah (arranged in triplet at the corner and singularly at the ends) are supported by unpainted brick piers with projecting cappings. Internally, the front lounge (entered from the entrance doors), and the dining room, are particularly intact. They are characterised by plastered walls with exposed beams. Unpainted brick fireplaces are a feature of these rooms, together with the timber detailing, polished timber floors, and the original leather chairs and settees, and the dining room tables and chairs.

Heritage Study / Consultant	
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Architect / Designer	
Municipality	GREATER GEELONG CITY
Other names	
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