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# Post Office

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## Location

210 Pakington Street, GEELONG WEST VIC 3218 - Property No 203699

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1634

HO146

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

### **GRC - HISTORIC PLACES DOCUMENTATION SHEET NO. 279**

The Geelong West Post Office in Pakington Street was designed in 1885 by western region architects of the Public Works Department, GBH Austin, as an eclectically derived style which is characteristic of his work. The foundation stone was laid by Graeme Berry, Chief Secretary and the building was completed in 1886. The Post Office exemplifies the innovation and eclectic nature of Public Works Department architecture of the late 1880's in Victoria and has many counterparts throughout Victoria.

### RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Geelong Regional Commission Register.

Australian Heritage Commission Register of the National Estate.

NATIONAL Trust of Australia (Victoria) Register.

## REFERENCES

Seaton, G - The Ashby Story: A History of Geelong West. Geelong West City Council, Geelong 1978, Adams Printer, pp 159, 160, 231

Trethowan, B - 'The Public Works Department of Victoria', 1851-1900, An Architectural History, Research Report Department of Architecture University of Melbourne, 1975.

## **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE - City of Geelong West - Urban Conservation Study - Building Identification Form**

The Geelong West Post Office was designed in 1885 by GBH Austin of the Public Works Department. It is a good example of the eclectically derived style which was characteristic of his work. The foundation stone was laid by Graeme Berry, Chief Secretary of Victoria in 1886. It is one of few intact buildings of architectural note in the Pakington Street commercial area.

It is of state significance.

## POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

National Estate Register

Government Buildings Register

## REFERENCES

G Seaton - The Ashby Story - A History of Geelong West, Geelong West City Council 1978, p159-160.

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S Power, Nathalia Post Office, Report for Charge of Annuity, Department of Housing and Construction.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Geelong Region Historic Buildings and Objects Study, Allan Willingham, 1986; Greater Geelong - City of Geelong West Urban Conservation Study, Huddle, Aitken and Honman, 1986; Greater Geelong - Geelong City Urban Conservation Study - Restoration and Infill Guidelines, Graeme Butler, 1991;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	16129
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## **Physical Description 1**

DESCRIPTION - City of Geelong West - Urban Conservation Study - Building Identification Form

The government purchased the Geelong West site in 1884 and the foundation stone was laid by Victoria's Chief Secretary, Mr. Berry, on 20th January, 1886. It was built five years before the new Geelong Office.

A single storey Post Office and residence built of brick and slate. Decorative elements include cement render mouldings, tuckpoint brick work, notable window and verandah joinery. Designed in 1885 by GBH Austin, the Public Works Department Western region architect, it is similar in style to the former Geelong West Court House.

The Post Office is an intact example of the innovative eclectic nature of the Public Works Department architecture of the 1880's in Victoria. There are similarly designed Post Offices throughout Victoria of which Nathalia Post Office is an example. External alterations are few but include a small addition to the front porch and a new fence (see Seaton p.160 for a 1922 photograph).

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