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# "Barwon Bank"

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## Location

35-43 Riversdale Road, NEWTOWN VIC 3220 - Property No 204340

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0425

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1617

HO107

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

'Barwon Bank', erected 1853-55, is an important early Victorian mansion house and one of few documented works in Victoria of the virtually unknown, but accomplished architect, Thomas R. Yabsley. Upon completion in 1856, this comparatively rare example of the colonial regency style mansion in Victoria was considered to be "the finest specimen of architecture in the Western District". John Gregory, a noted Geelong solicitor, occupied the mansion only until 1856; later occupants were associated with Barwon River industries.

References

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Hermes Number                                16328

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