
Court House Public Offices



Court House - 40 Gheringhap Street, Geelong

Location

40 Gheringhap Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 213841

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1640

HO945

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Historically, given its near original condition, it represents its construction period faithfully and hence its long-term public building role.

Architecturally, one of Everett's larger Courthouse designs and among his most successful, given its corner site and streetscape contribution. It possesses distinctive finishes and details for a public building (tiles, metal work) and contributes to a valuable public building precinct.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Geelong Region Historic Buildings and Objects Study Volume 2, Allan Willingham, 1986; Greater Geelong - Geelong City Urban Conservation Study, Volumes 2-5, Graeme Butler, 1991; Greater Geelong - Geelong City Urban Conservation Study Volume 1, Graeme Butler, 1993; Greater Geelong - Geelong City Urban Conservation Study, Volume 4(a), Helen Lardner, 1995;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	18906
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Physical Description 1

Showing in one sense a high standard of 'architectural manners,' Everett's design (particularly facing Gheringhap Street), takes on many of the classical attributes of the two earlier buildings (town hall, post office) in Gheringhap Street and probably harmonized successfully with the adjoining Little Malop Street sites (fire station, temperance hall), since demolished.

Adopting a traditional courthouse profile, based around the existing building, it possessed a raised two-storey height courtroom, a lower-level colonnaded porch and two flanking pavilions, the Gheringhap Street elevation achieving its contemporary character by simplicity of detail and the all-pervading Cordova-tiled-hip-roof form. In Little Malop Street, a similar tripartite composition also mixed tradition with Modernism but with emphasis on the latter, with its vertical window strips, echoing similar devices used on Everett's Wool and Textile School design at the Gordon Institute of the same era.

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