
James Strong Boot Factory



142 Ryrie Street, Geelong

Location

142 Ryrie Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 217649

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1637

HO1125

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Historically, the oldest known Geelong factory outside of the Geelong South fellmongery and mill complexes, easily distinguished by its tall chimney also, of the premises associated with Strong, these are the nearest to their

form during his ownership and, hence, provide a built sign-post to this important Geelong figures status. The factory is an important reminder of the period following the long slump of the 1860s in Geelong, the emergence of secondary industry across the State, and the efforts of local factors such as Strong to gain a protective tariff system on imports.

Architecturally, a near original representative of a 19th century building type which is rare in Geelong also related visually to the stone warehouses further south in Baylie Place.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Geelong Region Historic Buildings and Objects Study, 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	20558
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Physical Description 1

Sited opposite the altered but still recognizable Moorabool Street retail frontage, Strong's two-storey brick manufactory is easily evident from its tall, round decorative brick chimney, originally serving the boiler which powered the works. The closer view shows the upper-level loading door now a window, wide segment-arched wagon entrance from Baylie Place and the decorative face brickwork synonymous with late Victoria era warehouse/factory buildings. At least two construction stages are evident in the brickwork.

Nineteenth century views of northern Geelong's skyline reveal generally around four factory chimneys, most of which were near Corio Bay, and some associated with the large Volum brewery. None of these exist today this chimney and those at the woollen mills and the Sunnyside Works being among the few surviving 19th and early 20th Century chimneys.

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