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# Newtown and Chilwell Free Kindergarten

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## Location

25 Bond Street, NEWTOWN VIC 3220 - Property No 201010

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1245

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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B Listed - Regional Significance

The Newtown and Chilwell Free Kindergarten has regional historical significance as a good example of municipal enterprise and as one of the many free kindergarten centres established throughout the state in the early decades of the present century, offering facilities regarded at the time as among the best in Victoria. It was used for its original purposes for more than 64 years, demonstrating Newtown's role as part of the metropolis, and from 1925 providing specialised functions in the Geelong area. Its honorary architect was I. G. Anderson. When opened it was regarded by the President of the Free Kindergarten Union as "tone of the best" of the fourteen free kindergarten buildings then in Victoria.

Heritage Study/Consultant      Greater Geelong - City of Newtown Urban Conservation Study, Context Pty Ltd, 1991;

Heritage Act Categories      Registered place,

Hermes Number 15533

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## Physical Description 1

A multiple hip-roofed symmetrical community building of red brick. The panels between the piers are faced with terracotta tiles. Most of the five bays have French doors with six panes and highlights over between piers. There is a fine flat roofed arcade all around supported by proper Tuscan column pairs in the 20th Century Colonial manner popularised by W. Hardy Wilson (eg. Eryldene at Gordon, NSW, 1913). The rafters are exposed and there are the usual upcast shaft vents of the Kemp and Sheehan pattern.

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