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# Claremont

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## Location

143 Noble Street, NEWTOWN VIC 3220 - Property No 203334

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1127

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1627

HO124

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

'Claremont' erected 1857-58 for William Blair, is the most refined architectural design of Andrew McWilliams, an Irish engineering/architect who was most engage as a municipal surveyor during his long career in the Geelong region. The villa is a most distinguished Italianate style design and one of the most notable of the houses constructed in the 1850's in Geelong. The building has important historical associations, firstly with CJ Denny's the prominent Geelong wool broker who acquired the house in 1876, and then with the Gray family who have occupied the house since 1901.

### RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Historic Buildings Council Register

Geelong Regional Commission Register.

## REFERENCES

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Hermes Number	15950
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