
Sawyers Arms



2 Noble St Newtown

Location

2 Noble Street, NEWTOWN VIC 3220 - Property No 203343

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1944

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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C LISTED - LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Sawyers Arms Hotel at 2 Noble Street, Newtown, has significance as a predominantly intact Federation styled hotel building, representing one of few surviving Federation era hotels in Geelong. Possibly built prior to 1854, the existing external character and appearance reflects the design of the prolific Geelong architectural firm of Laird and Barlow in 1907. Further alterations and additions occurred in 1924 and 1955, and the additions to the north of the building contribute to an understanding of the evolution of the hotel. The building appears to be in

good condition when viewed from the street.

The Sawyers Arms Hotel at 2 Noble Street is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level (AHC D.2). It demonstrates original design qualities of a Federation style. These qualities include the Victorian-like composition of rectangular facades with a splayed corner and hipped roof, dark brown brick wall construction distinguished by a red brick base and quoinwork, rendered banding and rendered label moulds to the window and door openings. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the corrugated sheet metal roof cladding, brick chimneys, bracketed eaves, segmental and round arched ground floor window and door openings, timber framed ground floor windows, and the regularly arranged timber framed, twelve paned double hung first floor windows with timber shutters. The northern additions also contribute to the significance of the place.

The Sawyers Arms Hotel at 2 Noble Street, is historically significant at a LOCAL level (AHC A.4, H.1). It has associations with a hotel business on this site for over 150 years from prior to 1854. In particular, this building represents a surviving hotel design by the prolific Geelong architectural firm of Laird and Barlow who were responsible for remodeling the building in 1907.

The Sawyers Arms Hotel at 2 Noble Street, is socially significant at a LOCAL level (AHC G.1). It is recognized and valued by the local community has an important and long-standing recreational meeting place.

Overall, the Sawyers Arms at 2 Noble Street is of **LOCAL** significance.

Recommendations

Heritage Overlay Schedule Controls

External Paint Controls: Yes

Internal Alteration Controls: No

Tree Controls: No

Outbuildings and/or Fences: No

Extent of Heritage Overlay & Significance

The HO apply to the whole of the site.

Other Recommendations:

Nil

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Greater Geelong - Newtown Heritage Study 2008 Vol 1-3, City of Greater Geelong, 2008; |
| Heritage Act Categories | Registered place, |
| Hermes Number | 15953 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

The hotel at 2 Noble Street is set on a large sized allotment for the area that includes an associated car park to the west and north of the building. The hotel is located on the front (Noble Street) boundary line.

The two storey, dark brown brick, Federation styled hotel is characterised by a Victorian composition of rectangular facades, a splayed corner and hipped roof. This roof is clad in corrugated sheet metal. Two Federation era brick chimneys with rendered tops having projecting dentillated cappings and terra cotta pots adorn the roofline. Modest bracketed overhangs are features of the eaves.

The two floor levels of the building are defined by broad rendered horizontal banding. A similar banding is located under the eaves and as a stringcourse at the level of the windows sills on the ground floor. Red brick quoinwork and a red base provide additional definition to the facades, as does the label moulds to the segmentally arched and round arched window and door openings on the ground floor. It appears that the splayed corner originally featured an early door opening which has been bricked up in red brick and a window has been introduced. The other ground floor windows are early and are timber framed.

On the first floor are regularly arranged timber framed, twelve paned double hung windows flanked by timber shutters (a shutter is missing on the corner window).

To the north is a two storey addition of construction and detailing similar to the main building.

Physical Conditions

Condition

Good.

Integrity

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Moderate - High Integrity. The hotel is predominantly intact to its Federation era remodelling. The northern additions contribute to the evolution and development of the hotel function of the building.

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