
Elephant & Castle Hotel



Elephant & Castle - 158
McKillop Street, Geelong -
Front View



Elephant & Castle - 158
McKillop Street, Geelong -
Side View

Location

158 McKillop Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 215930

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1644

HO1032

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Historically, an old hotel site and, as a building it has been used for public purposes for nearly a century.

Architecturally, an outstanding and early example of an intermediate scale Queen Anne Revival Style commercial building and a major contributor in an Edwardian and late Victorian era residential precinct.

REFERENCES

RGO SN28458

GA 27.8.91

RB 1892; RGO 28458: parapet date 1891

GA 7.10.92

VB 1895-6, 1041

D1910-39

GA 11.1.95

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	19749
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Physical Description 1

DESCRIPTION

Designed in the English Queen Anne Revival style, built of brick and two-storeys in height, the elephant & Castle has two major facade elements, one central to the McKillop Street frontage and the other set over the splayed corner entrance. A gabled parapet and entablature emphasizes each bay, reducing in visual effect to scrolled pediments at the first floor level, over a corner entrance porch and a window facing McKillop Street. Corinthian Order pilasters support each and an arched upper-level corner recess forms a balcony.

Given its commercial use by isolated (by tradition) from similar uses, the building is prominent among the largely one-level timber housing, particularly as it faces Hopetoun Park and forms the beginning of a curving residential streetscape in Bourke Crescent which descends the hill.

Although with some Geelong residential examples (q.v.) it also exhibits an early use of the Queen Anne Style commercial architecture still following Italian Renaissance prototypes in that period (see former Winfield Building Melbourne). Details such as the outer paneled door-pair survive.

External Integrity

Generally original; the bricks have been lacquered (early?) both sympathetic ('shield type') and unsympathetic (internally illuminated) signs have been added; there are new or refaced inner lobby doors; and ground-level windows have been altered.

Streetscape

With its west and north-facing parapet gables and greater scale, the hotels both dominates and complies with its context which is mainly Edwardian and Late Victorian era gabled-roof timber housing. It is a major contributory building in precinct 3.10.

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