
Bayview Hotel including interior

Location

2-4 Mercer Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 335802, 335803, 335804, 335805, 335820, 343953, 343954, 343955

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1159

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO110

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bay View Hotel, formerly the Western Hotel, a three storey stone building with a Barrabool sandstone facade, was erected in 1853 for publican Henry Rourke.

The Bay View Hotel was one of 19 hotels erected in Geelong 1853-54 to accommodate the influx of gold seeking immigrants to this burgeoning town. This substantial hotel is an important example of stylized Renaissance Revival architecture in Victoria and an interesting work of John Young, the most accomplished and original of Geelong's early architects. The unusual enframed window details and curved corner arrangement is characteristic of the architect's work.

RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

REFERENCES

Geelong Advertiser

11 October, 1854

24 August, 1854, tenders for construction and completion.

4 September, 1854.

21 November, 1854.

15 May, 1856.

30 December, 1858.

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Huddle, Lorraine - 'Architects in Geelong in the 1840's and 1850's Humanities research report, Department of Architecture, University of Melbourne, 1979. Vol 1, pp 17-34, Vol 2, p29.

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G Seaton - The Ashby Story - A History of Geelong West, , Adams Printers Pty Ltd, for Geelong West City Council, 1978, pp 53, 54.

Geelong Advertiser - 2nd January, 1880 'Western House' For Sale or To Let Boarding Establishment with cottage situated corner Latrobe Terrace and Mercer Street.

Removed from City Fringe Heritage Area (HO1639)

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Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	19900
Property Number	

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