Steam Coach Hotel, former

Location

49 Mercer Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 216214

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1045

Heritage Listing

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Historically, one of Geelong's gold-rush hotels of the 1850s and sited near the two major land routes into the city.

Architecturally, simply elevated with few architectural pretensions, but nevertheless one of the city's oldest group of hotels

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Geelong City Urban Conservation Study, Volumes 2-5, Graeme Butler, 1991;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	19912

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Physical Description 1

DESCRIPTION

Possibly designed to be extended northwards, the elevation is curiously asymmetrical, with its upper level openings offset from the symmetry implied by the parapet pediment. The facade is stuccoed brick, with quoining and simple cornice and string mouldings, and the sides are face brick since painted. A simply pitched pyramid shaped roof is typical of this period, but the design shows little of Young's architectural skill see Bay View and Golden Age hotels. Outbuildings shown on the current Water Board Plan appear to coincide with that of c1914-17.

External integrity

The ground level has been replaced, signs added, the bricks painted, and a cantilever canopy added. The former single storey bar to the north has been long since demolished.

Streetscape

Isolated from the similarly old commercial streetscape to the north, see (11-19 Mercer Street.)

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