# A.N.Z. Bank



154 Moorabool Street, Geelong

#### Location

154A Moorabool Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 216355

# Municipality

**GREATER GEELONG CITY** 

# Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

## **Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO1637

HO79

## **Heritage Listing**

**Greater Geelong City** 

# **Statement of Significance**

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The former Mercantile Bank at the intersection of Moorabool and Ryrie Streets, Geelong, was erected in 1888 for the recently formed Mercantile Bank headed by the later notorious land boomer, Sit Matthew Davies. William Salway, a young Melbourne architect, designed this Boom Classicism style two-storey brick bank using exaggerated mannerist and classical architectural motifs. The Short lived Mercantile Bank was closed in the depression of the late 1890's and the premises were later occupied by auctioneers and land agents. The Banks Building is one of the most distinctive late 19th Century structure in Geelong.

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Heritage Act Categories Registered place,

Hermes Number 19958

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