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# White Hart Hotel



Hotel - 178 Moorabool Street,  
Geelong

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## Location

178 Moorabool Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 333136

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

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HO1057

## Heritage Listing

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## Statement of Significance

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The former White Hart Hotel, 178 & 178A Moorabool Street, Geelong, has significance for its historical associations with the former Red Lion Hotel from the 1851-52 and with the former White Hart Hotel from c.1902. The building also has architectural importance in reflecting the major changes carried out in c.1902-05 and in c.1925, and it has been more recently altered.

The former White Hart Hotel, 178 & 178A Moorabool Street is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. Although altered (especially the ground floor shopfronts), it still demonstrates some original design qualities associated with the changes carried out in c.1902-05 and c.1925. These qualities include the symmetrical composition, two storey height, rendered brick wall construction, hipped roof clad in terra cotta tiles, three bayed composition from the main facade, central slightly recessed first floor bay with projecting balcony and three sets of timber framed and glazed 10 paned French doors, shallow hipped slate hood (supported by cast iron brackets), and the flanking vertically-oriented pavilions adorned with projecting oriel windows having early timber framed 8 paned windows and bullnosed galvanised corrugated iron roofs. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the simple geometric detailing such as the central shallow parapet pediment, rectangular parapet piers with incised panels and other simple decoration on the flanking pavilions, rectilinear balcony piers and the simple rectangular and diagonal steel balustrades, and the two galvanised iron ventilation stacks that project beyond the parapet level on the south facade.

The former White Hart Hotel, 178 & 178A Moorabool Street is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with the development of the former Red Lion Hotel from 1851-52 (and with the original hotel keeper, Patrick Hede). The building - named the White Hart Hotel from c.1902 - experienced major alterations in c.1902-05 and in c.1925 and represents an important legacy of the 19th and 20th century hotel in Geelong.

Overall, the former White Hart Hotel, 178 & 178A Moorabool Street is of LOCAL significance. C Local Geelong  
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## Physical Description 1

### Description

The former White Hart Hotel, 178 & 178A Moorabool Street, Geelong, takes up the full width of the site and is situated on the front boundary.

The symmetrical, two storey, rendered brick former White Hart Hotel building is characterised by a three bayed composition that probably dates from the c.1902-05 changes. There is a central slightly recessed first floor bay with a projecting balcony and three sets of early timber framed and glazed 10 paned French doors and an early shallow hipped slate hood (supported by early cast iron brackets) above. Flanking the central bay are two vertically-oriented pavilions adorned with projecting oriel windows having early timber framed 8 paned windows and bullnosed galvanised corrugated iron roofs. These oriels also possibly date from the c.1902-05 changes.

The first floor is also characterised by simple geometric detailing that may have been introduced in c.1925. The crowning central shallow parapet pediment, together with the rectangular parapet piers with incised panels and other simple decoration of the flanking pavilions, and the rectilinear balcony piers with simple rectangular and diagonal steel balustrades, especially relate to architectural trends of the interwar period. The inappropriate, internally illuminated signage that projects from the parapet has been introduced.

The projecting cantilevered verandahs are a later addition, and the ground floor shopfronts have been substantially altered and are also recent additions. The side rendered brick walls terminate in simple parapets with a broad hipped roof beyond, that is clad in terra cotta tiles. This roof possibly dates from the c.1902-05 changes, as may the two galvanised iron ventilation stacks that project beyond the parapet level.

At the rear of the site is an introduced, three storey painted brick building with crowning parapets. There is a side two storey section to the north with an exposed galvanised corrugated steel hipped roof. This building has timber framed windows and side external timber stairs.

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