
"Leyton" and "Rochford" villas



224-226 Moorabool Street,
Geelong

Location

224 Moorabool Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 216445

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0562

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO163

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The pair of townhouses, "Leyton" and "Rochford" at 24-26 Moorabool Street, Geelong are important survivors from the earliest years of colonial settlement at Corio Bay. This distinctive pair of Regency Italianate style villas are rare examples of the work of Surplice and Sons, Architects and are preserved in an amazing degree of intactness considering they were constructed of ashlar freestone in 1851-52. The triple arched upper level windows, restrained parapet entablature and single storey arcaded portico are dominant elements in this design which is virtually unrivalled in Victoria as an illustration of pre-gold rush urban architecture.

RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Geelong Regional Commission Register.

Australian Heritage Commission Register of the National Estate.

Historic Buildings Council Register.

National Trust of Australia (Victoria) Register.

REFERENCES

Geelong Advertiser - 4 November 1850. Surplice and Sons, Architects, advertise tenders for part or whole works on two by two storey townhouses in Moorabool Street.

4 November, 1852 - public notice - Sale by Auction in Moorabool Street the Church Hill - 2 storey stone mansions, capacious hall, dining room, drawing room - second storey 3 bedrooms with outbuildings and two bedrooms above.

A detailed examination of City of Geelong Rate Books may reveal details of ownership from date of construction as well as descriptions of premises.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Geelong Region Historic Buildings and Objects Study, Allan Willingham, 1986;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	20029
Property Number	

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