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# James Harrison Plaque, Geelong Advertiser Building



James Harrison Plaque No 1



James Harrison Plaque No 2



James Harrison Plaque No 3

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## Location

191 Ryrie Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 217696

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO155

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE - HISTORIC PLACES DOCUMENT SHEET - GRC SHEET NO 241

The plaque stand close to the spot where he built his ice making factory, the first in Australia, when it opened in 1859. J Harrison (1816-1893) was born in Scotland but spent 28 years in Geelong. He was the first man in the world to sell large scale commercial refrigeration machines to industry. By 1855 he had built a colonial prototype in Geelong. On Feb 19, 1859, he opened the nation's first iceworks in Geelong. He later built two other factories in Melbourne and Sydney. In 1873 he made the first attempt to ship frozen meat to England. The venture failed because of a defective pump.

He was a printer by trade, the founding editor of the 'Geelong Advertiser'. He is buried in the Western Cemetery.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Geelong Regional Commission Register

#### REFERENCES

RW Brownhill - History of Geelong and Corio Bay, Melbourne, 1955. p.39, 71-75.

Pike, Douglas - Australia Dictionary of Biography - Vol. 1 (1788-1850), Melbourne 1966. pp 520-521 for biographical details of career of James Harrison.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Geelong Region Historic Buildings and Objects Study Volume 2, Allan Willingham, 1986;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered object,
Other Names	Plaque relocated to interior of Geelong Advertiser building in the Harrison Room,
Hermes Number	20600
Property Number	

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