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## Former Union Bank original 1848 building



76 Yarra Street, Geelong



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### Location

76 Yarra Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 219249

### Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO286

### Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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### Statement of Significance

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#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The former Union Bank on the corner of Yarra Street and Little Malop Streets was erected of Barrabool Sandstone in 1848 to Colonial Georgian style designs by architect, Charles Laing. This once impressive two-storey structure with distinctive portico, restrained parapet entablature and supporting Colonial Georgian details,

has been substantially impaired by construction of a recent shopping arcade around the perimeter walls. Many elements of this early Geelong bank survive intact and the fabric warrants restoration, being a fine example of pre-goldrush architecture in Victoria. Other outstanding works by Laing eclipse the Union Bank as his finest work.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Geelong Regional Commission Register

#### REFERENCES

**Geelong Advertiser** - 26 January, 1847 - tenders for builders for Union Bank

**Geelong Advertiser** - 6 July, 1847 - re-calling of tenders for Union Bank.

**Geelong Advertiser** - 5 February, 1855 - tenders for alterations and addition to Managers premises.

L Huddle - "Architects in Geelong in the 1840s and 1850s" 1979. Humanities Research Report. University of Melbourne pp 10-12. Description of work of early architect, Charles Laing.

L Huddle - Ibid, pp 12-13. Description of Union Bank

Brownhill, W. R. - A History of Geelong and Corio Bay, Wilke & Co., Melbourne, 1955, pp. 348-351, for details of establishment of Union Bank..

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Geelong Region Historic Buildings and Objects Study Volume 2, Allan Willingham, 1986;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	21175
Property Number	

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