

## FORMER GEELONG WOOL EXCHANGE



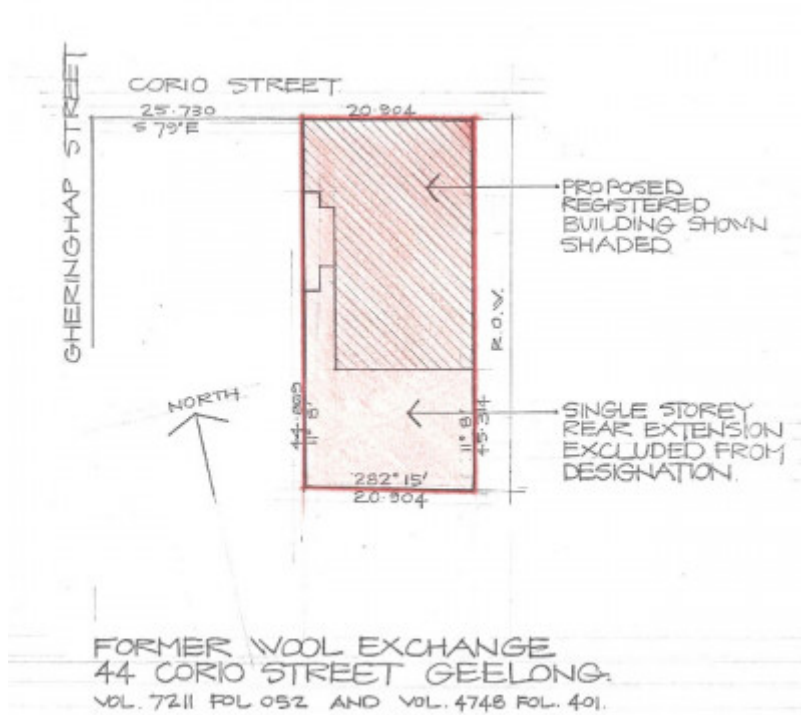
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1 former geelong wool exchange corio street geelong front view



former geelong wool exchange corio street geelong detail of front entrance



h00622 wool exchange plan

## Location

44 CORIO STREET GEELONG, GREATER GEELONG CITY

## **Municipality**

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## **Level of significance**

Registered

## **Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number**

H0622

## **Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO383

## **VHR Registration**

October 1, 1986

## **Heritage Listing**

Victorian Heritage Register

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## **Statement of Significance**

Last updated on - June 24, 1999

The wool exchange in Corio Street, Geelong was constructed in 1927-28 for the Geelong Wool Exchange Pty Ltd. At a contract price of £14,514 by builders H Beach and Sons Pty Ltd. The prominent Geelong firm Laird and Buchan were the architects of the building which survives, highly intact.

The two storey brick Wool Exchange is one of Geelong's major public buildings from the inter war period and as a late example of the renaissance revival the facade reflects the generally conservative character of the wool industry. Roofed with a barrel vault, the main sales room has a striking interior decorated with Neo-Greco detail.

The Geelong Wool Exchange is an important link in the history of the wool industry network which centred on Geelong and extended throughout the Western District and overseas through the export trade. It is one element of the built evidence alongside Western District properties, railways, wool stores, woollen mills, scouring works and port facilities which illustrates the economic and social history of major industry.

## **Permit Exemptions**

### **General Exemptions:**

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below.

Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

Construction dates        1927,  
Architect/Designer        Laird & Buchan,  
Heritage Act Categories    Registered place,  
Hermes Number            521  
Property Number

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## Extent of Registration

### AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 622, Former Wool Exchange, 44 Corio Street, Geelong (to the extent of the Wool Exchange Building shown shaded red and all the land in Volume 7211 Folio 052 and Volume 4748 Folio 401 as shown on the plan held by the Ministry for Planning and Environment, but excluding the rear extensions [sic]).

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. 80 1 October 1986 p. 3788]

*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*