

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## FORMER GEELONG GAOL



FORMER HM TRAINING PRISON  
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former hm training prison myers street  
geelong front elevation publication



former hm training prison geelong  
forecourt north wing sep1992



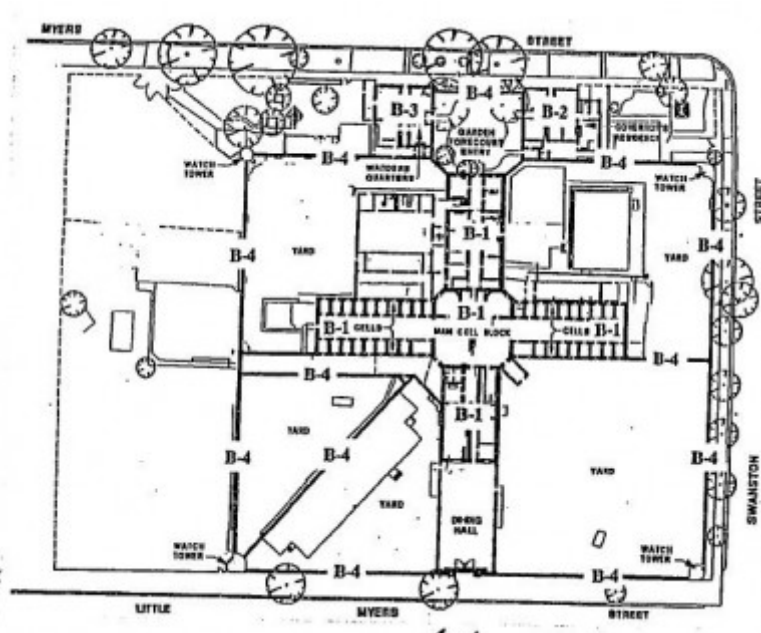
former hm training prison geelong  
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tower sep1992



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wing south east yard jul1984



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## Location

200-202 MYERS STREET GEELONG, GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0991

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO143

## VHR Registration

August 20, 1982

## Amendment to Registration

October 28, 1993

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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### Statement of Significance

Last updated on - February 21, 1997

The completion of the Geelong Gaol in 1864 reflects an important phase of prison constructed in Victoria. Between 1857 and 1864 a remarkable period of building activity saw eight prisons constructed on Pentonville principles in metropolitan and regional areas.

The Geelong Gaol is an essentially intact example of a building type. The sequence of alterations, however, are historically important in representing the changing requirements of prison design and construction.

The Geelong Gaol is a prominent landmark; its design and scale reflecting not only the importance of Geelong in the development of western Victoria but also indicative of Geelong's size and status within the Port Philip district before the discovery of gold in 1851.

The Geelong Gaol is significant in being designed by Henry Ginn, the first colonial architect of Victoria, the plan being produced while he was clerk of works. The first stage of construction was supervised by him.

The Gaol was constructed between 1849 and 1864 and represents an important phase in the development of prison design, being the first prison designed on Pentonville principles in Victoria, albeit cruciform rather than radial in plan.

[Source: Report to the Minister.]

Construction dates	1857,
Architect/Designer	Ginn, Henry,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	FORMER HM TRAINING PRISON, GEELONG GAOL,
Hermes Number	539
Property Number	

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### Extent of Registration

#### AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 991

Former HM Prison

Myers Street, Geelong

(To the extent of:

1. all the buildings known as HM Prison, Geelong, including the main cell block, the Governor's residence, the warders' quarters; and the walls and fences on the Myers, Swanston and Little Myers Streets, marked B-1, B-2, B-3 and B-4 respectively on Plan No. 6037052(A) and signed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.

2. all of the land bounded by Myers Street to the north, Swanston Street to the east, Little Myers Street to the west, being that land described in crown reserve, marked L-1 on Plan No. 6037052(B) and signed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council, and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.)

[Victoria Government Gazette No. G42 28 October 1993 p.2931]

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