

Victorian Heritage Database place details - 12/12/2019

GOLDEN AGE HOTEL



Location:

2-4 GHERINGHAP STREET GEELONG, GREATER GEELONG CITY

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number: H7721-0479

Listing Authority: HI

Extent of Registration:

AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 1161:

Golden Age Hotel, 2 Gheringhap Street, Geelong, City of Greater Geelong.

Extent:

To the extent of:

1. All of the building known as the Golden Age Hotel marked B-1 on Plan 600435 endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.
2. All of the land marked L-1 on Plan 600435 being the land described in Memorial No. 246 Book 866 and Memorial No. 247 Book 866 endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.

[Victoria Government Gazette No. G15 18 April 1996 p.963]

Statement of Significance:

The Golden Age Hotel, a three storey brick structure on bluestone foundations, was built in 1854 to a design by the prominent Geelong architect John Young. The architectural firm Alexander Davidson & Co. called tenders for additions and alterations to the hotel in 1881.

The Golden Age Hotel is of architectural and historical significance to Victoria.

The Golden Age Hotel is architecturally significant as an important work of the architect John Young. The innovative architecture of the hotel employs unusual details of Regency derivation although the style displays a face brick exterior. The distinctive curved corner is a Regency stylistic device characteristic of John Young's work.

The building demonstrates noteworthy craftsmanship and decoration in its use of brick to express classical elements, particularly the hollow pilaster strips; the elaborate brick corbelled parapet; the balustrades between the windows of the ground and first floors; and the string-course with dentils.

The hotel has an important historical association with the gold rush era when Geelong, as the port of the gold fields, witnessed a boom in its population and commercial activity. The substantial building demonstrates the emergence of a more ambitious and sophisticated architectural design characteristic of the gold rush period.

[Source: Report to the Minister.]

Heritage Study	
Year Construction Started	1854
Architect / Designer	Long, John
Architectural Style	Victorian Period (1851-1901) Regency
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place
Municipality	["GREATER GEELONG CITY"]
Other names	
History	