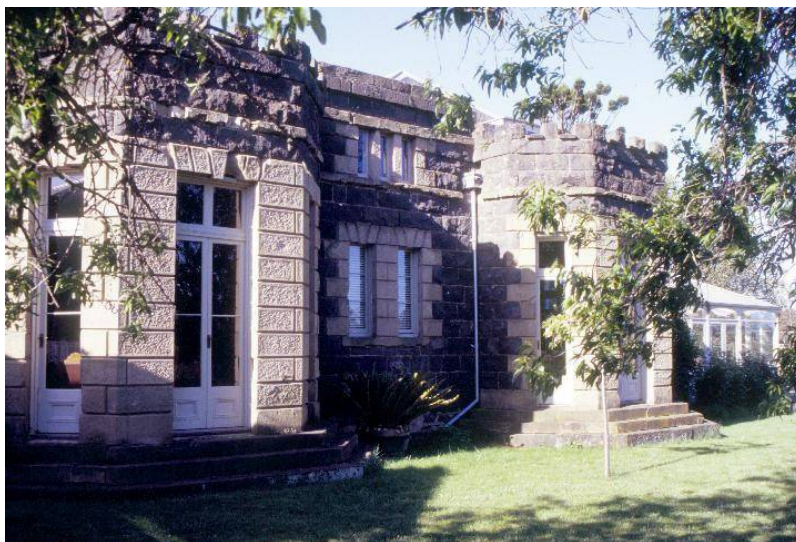


## Victorian Heritage Database place details - 23/5/2019

### BARWON BANK

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**Location:**

35-43 RIVERSDALE ROAD NEWTOWN, GREATER GEELONG CITY

**Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number:** H0425

**Listing Authority:** VHR

**Extent of Registration:**

No. 425. Barwon Bank (to the extent of the buildings and area of land within and defined by the red line indicated on the plan held at the office of the Historic Buildings Preservation Council), Riversdale Road, Marnock Vale (Chilwell), Newtown, Geelong.

[Victoria Government Gazette No.110 December 14, 1977 p.3911]

**Statement of Significance:**

Between the years 1853-1856, Geelong solicitor John Alexander Gregory built the 18 room stone mansion 'Barwon Bank' in extensive gardens on the high northern bank overlooking the Barwon River at Marnockvale, Geelong. TR Yabsley was the architect for this colonial regency style single storey attic house, built of basalt with contrasting Barrabool freestone dressings and dominated by a massive Doric portico and battlemented bay windows.

'Barwon bank' is an important early Victorian mansion house and one of few documented works in Victoria of the virtually unknown, but accomplished architect Thomas R Yabsley. Upon completion in 1856, this comparatively rare example of the colonial regency style mansion in Victoria was considered to be "the finest specimen of architecture in the western district". John Gregory, a noted Geelong solicitor occupied the mansion only until 1856, later occupants were associated with Barwon River industries.

source:

## Register of the National Estate Citation

Heritage Study	
Year Construction Started	1856
Architect / Designer	Yabsley, Thomas R
Architectural Style	Victorian Period (1851-1901) Regency
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place
Municipality	["GREATER GEELONG CITY"]
Other names	
History	