

Victorian Heritage Database place details - 7/12/2019

FIRST CUSTOMS HOUSE



Location:

1-55 GARDEN STREET EAST GEELONG, Greater Geelong City

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number: H0185

Listing Authority: VHR

Extent of Registration:

City of Geelong. No. 185. First Customs House, Botanical Gardens Eastern Park, Geelong.
[Victoria Government Gazette No 100 Wednesday, October 9 1974 p.3648]

Statement of Significance:

A square gothic timber pavilion reputedly prefabricated in Sydney c 1838 and erected in Geelong. Cladding is quirk bead weatherboards. The original thatch roof was replaced with shingles in 1854. When a permanent stone customs house was built in 1845 the building was used briefly as a telegraph office. Unaltered and well preserved, claimed to be the oldest building extant in Victoria, it now serves as a customs museum.

Source:

Register of the National Estate Citation:

Important as one of Victoria's oldest remaining buildings, believed to have been pre-fabricated in Sydney, and despite minor defacements retaining a certain charm by virtue of its pavilion design with concave roof profile and one remaining ogee-topped window.

Source:

National Trust

Heritage Study	
Year Construction Started	1838
Architect / Designer	
Architectural Style	Pre-separation Colonial Gothick 1836-50
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place
Municipality	["GREATER GEELONG CITY"]
Other names	
History	