

## Victorian Heritage Database place details - 14/12/2019

### FORMER GEELONG WOOL EXCHANGE

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**Location:**

44 CORIO STREET GEELONG, Greater Geelong City

**Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number:** H0622

**Listing Authority:** VHR

**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]

**Statement of Significance:**

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.

Heritage Study	
Year Construction Started	1927
Architect / Designer	Laird & Buchan
Architectural Style	Interwar Period (c.1919-c.1940) Commercial Palazzo
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place
Municipality	["GREATER GEELONG CITY"]
Other names	
History	