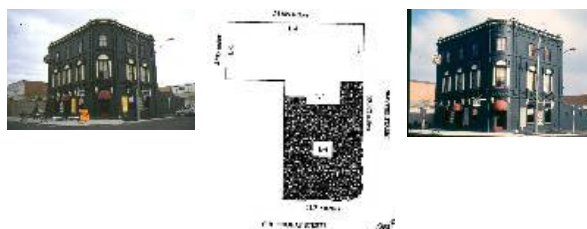**Victorian Heritage Database Report**
GOLDEN AGE HOTEL

Location:
2-4 GHERINGHAP STREET GEELONG, GREATER GEELONG CITY

Heritage Status / Level of Significance:
Registered

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number: H7721-0479
Listing Authority: HI

Heritage Overlay Number: HO152

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 / Consultant	
Construction Date Range	1854 -
Architect / Designer	Long, John
Municipality	GREATER GEELONG CITY
Other names	
Hermes number	1557
Property number	

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