

Victorian Heritage Database Report  
**Geelong Railway Station**

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**Location:**

1 Railway Terrace, GEEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 299986

**Heritage Status / Level of Significance:**

Registered

**Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number: H1604**

**Listing Authority: VHR**

**Heritage Overlay Number: HO1640**

**Precinct:**

Civic Centre Heritage Area

**Statement of Significance:**

A Listed - State Significance

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE - GRC - HISTORIC PLACES DOCUMENTATION SHEET NO. 181

The Geelong Railway Station is one of a standard plan type constructed throughout Victoria to Railway Department architects' designs. The main polychromatic brick station building and platform was erected in 1879 to replace the original station constructed in 1854. An iron frame train hall was erected in 1892 on similar lines to that at Ballarat. The railway station, with impressive train hall, is indicative of the architecture of the "steam age" and the train hall is one of only two surviving in Victoria. The structure is notable for the cast iron and wrought iron decoration and polychromatic brick details.

### RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Geelong Regional Commission Register

Historic Buildings Council Register

National Trust of Australia (Victoria) Register

Australian Heritage Commission Register of the National Estate

### REFERENCES

A Ward & A Connelly : In conjunction with the Victorian Railways Historical Society, "Victorian's Railways : An Architectural Survey", 1980.

Geelong Advertiser

3rd July 1958 - Tender for erection of refreshment rooms at Geelong Station, Martin Sholl sec.

2 December 1875, - Report on moves for new railway station

15 July 1877 - Tender for goods shed.

17 July 1878 - Alternative tenders for construction of new station at Geelong.

18 December 1878 - tenders for construction of passenger station, outbuildings, platforms.

21 February 1949 - Description of building.

11 May 1883 - Report on completion of station buildings.

The present Geelong Station was built to a standard Victorian Railway Building Department plan, identified in A Ward survey as the "St Arnaud Style". The plan was also used on this line for the Colac Station. The Train Hall (1892) is of importance as one of the two train halls constructed in Victoria. The other hall remains intact at Ballarat Station. Several train halls have been constructed in Australia and Victoria is unique for its retention of the constructed train halls.

Heritage Study / Consultant	Greater Geelong - Geelong Region Historic Buildings and Objects Study Volume 2, Allan Willingham, 1986; Greater Geelong - Geelong City Urban Conservation Study, Volumes 2-5, Graeme Butler, 1991; Greater Geelong - Geelong City Urban Conservation Study Volume 1, Graeme Butler, 1993; Greater Geelong - Geelong City Urban Conservation Study, Volume 4(a), Helen Lardner, 1995
Construction Date Range	
Architect / Designer	
Municipality	GREATER GEELONG CITY
Other names	
Hermes number	21781
Property number	299986

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