

Victorian Heritage Database Report  
**FIRST CUSTOMS HOUSE**

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**Location:**

1-55 GARDEN STREET EAST GEELONG, Greater Geelong City

**Heritage Status / Level of Significance:**

Registered

**Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number: H0185**

Listing Authority: VHR

**Heritage Overlay Number: HO880****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 / Consultant	
Construction Date Range	1838 -
Architect / Designer	
Municipality	GREATER GEELONG CITY
Other names	
Hermes number	519
Property number	

*This place/object may also be State heritage listed. Check the Victorian Heritage Database. For further details, contact the local Council or go to Planning Schemes Online*