

# GOLDEN AGE HOTEL



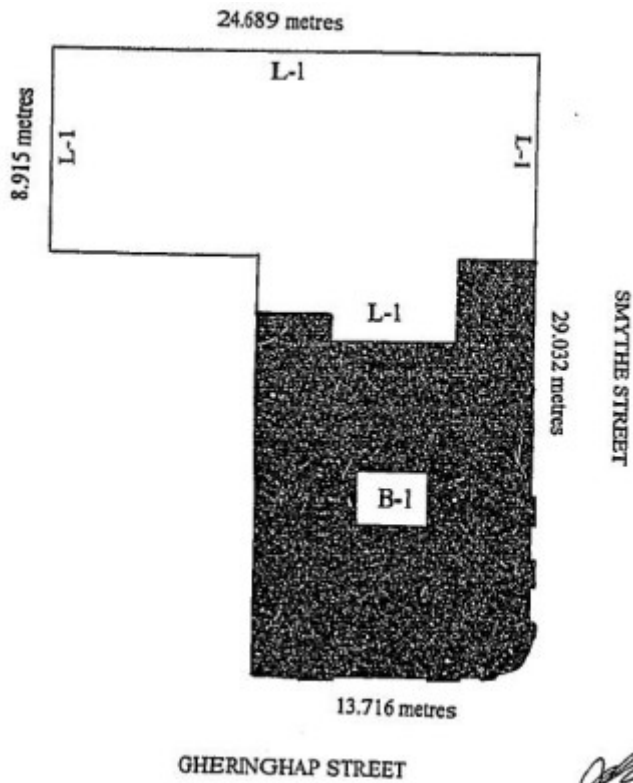
GOLDEN AGE HOTEL  
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front view apr1997



Golden Age Hotel Geelong  
Front



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## Location

2-4 GHERINGHAP STREET GEELONG, GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## **Level of significance**

Registered

## **Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number**

H1161

## **Heritage Inventory (HI) Number**

H7721-0479

## **Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO152

## **VHR Registration**

April 18, 1996

## **Heritage Listing**

Victorian Heritage Register

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## **Statement of Significance**

Last updated on - May 6, 1999

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.]

## **Permit Exemptions**

### **General Exemptions:**

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which

don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

Places of worship: In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must **notify** the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

Subdivision/consolidation: Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

Construction dates	1854,
Architect/Designer	Long, John,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	1557
Property Number	

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## Extent of Registration

### AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 1161:

Golden Age Hotel, 2 Gheringhap Street, Geelong, City of Greater Geelong.

Extent:

To the extent of:

1. All of the building known as the Golden Age Hotel marked B-1 on Plan 600435 endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.
2. All of the land marked L-1 on Plan 600435 being the land described in Memorial No. 246 Book 866 and Memorial No. 247 Book 866 endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G15 18 April 1996 p.963]

*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*