
Geelong Customs House

Location

57-59 BROUGHAM STREET GEELONG - PROPERTY NUMBER 212543, GREATER GEELONG CITY

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1892

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1638

HO130

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Geelong Customs House was built by W.G. Cornish, in 1856 as a three storey ashlar sandstone and rubble basalt structure. It is the finest mid nineteenth century public building in western Victoria. This distinctive georgian composition clearly reflects the influence of earlier N.S.W. colonial public building traditions as espoused by architect James Balmain. The structure is on a site which has served as the Customs Reserve since 1838 and the present Customs House served the port of Geelong at the height of its activity in the 19th Century. The building is an exemplar of freestone masonry construction in Victoria.

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| 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, Graeme Butler, 1993; Greater Geelong - Geelong City Urban Conservation Study, Volume 4(a), Helen Lardner, 1995; |
| Heritage Act Categories | Registered place, |
| Hermes Number | 18398 |
| Property Number | |

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