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# Newtown Fire Station (former)

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## Location

271a Pakington Street, NEWTOWN VIC 3220 - Property No 311268

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1623

HO145

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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B Listed - Regional Significance

The Newtown and Chilwell Fire Station was established in 1859 and operated from weatherboard premises in Pakington Street until 1884 when the structure was removed and a new brick fire station and tower was erected. Local municipal surveyor and architect, RS Tufts, designed the original poly-chromatic brick building in a Lombardic Romanesque style and Charles Mills was the builder. The tower is a noted local landmark and unfortunately the strong brickwork patterns have been painted out. The buildings have interesting association with the fire brigade history in Geelong.

## RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Geelong Regional Commission Register.

## REFERENCES

CS Walker - The Earlier Days of Newtown and Chilwell, 1958, p.35. Description of Newtown Fire Station.

WR Brownhill - The History of Geelong and Corio Bay.

Wilke and Co Ltd, Melbourne, 1855, o249 - description of Newtown Fire Station - discrepancy in contract price ?325.

G. Seaton - The Ashby Story - A History of Geelong West.

1978 Adams Printers P/L Geelong, p. 144.

RS Tuff was surveyor for Borough of Geelong West from 1896-1908.

Geelong Advertiser -

15 January, 1884, report of resolution of fire brigade to build a new brick fire station for Newtown and Chilwell Fire Brigade.

15 January, 1884, renders for removal of wooden building.

19 January, 1884, tender for erection of a new building for Newtown and Chilwell Fire Brigade - RS Tuffs, Architect.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Greater Geelong - Geelong Region Historic Buildings and Objects Study, Allan Willingham, 1986; Greater Geelong - City of Newtown Urban Conservation Study, Context Pty Ltd, 1991; Greater Geelong - City of Newtown Urban Conservation Study, Richard Peterson, 1997; |
| Heritage Act Categories   | Registered place,   |
| Hermes Number             | 21936   |
| Property Number           |   |

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