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# FIRST CUSTOMS HOUSE



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1 first customs house  
botanical gardens side  
entrance



Customs House 2



Customs House 3



Customs house 1

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## Location

1-55 GARDEN STREET EAST GEELONG, GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0185

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO880

## VHR Registration

October 9, 1974

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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### Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 31, 1999

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*

### 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 1838,  
Heritage Act Categories Registered place,  
Hermes Number 519  
Property Number

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## History

Associated People:

## Extent of Registration

*City of Geelong*. No. 185. First Customs House, Botanical Gardens Eastern Park, Geelong.  
[*Victoria Government Gazette* No 100 Wednesday, October 9 1974 p.3648]

*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/>*