

FORMER GEELONG WOOL EXCHANGE



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1 former geelong wool exchange corio street geelong front view



former geelong wool exchange corio street geelong detail of front entrance



h00622 wool exchange plan

Location

44 CORIO STREET GEELONG, GREATER GEELONG CITY

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0622

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO383

VHR Registration

October 1, 1986

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 24, 1999

The wool exchange in Corio Street, Geelong was constructed in 1927-28 for the Geelong Wool Exchange Pty Ltd. At a contract price of £14,514 by builders H Beach and Sons Pty Ltd. The prominent Geelong firm Laird and Buchan were the architects of the building which survives, highly intact.

The two storey brick Wool Exchange is one of Geelong's major public buildings from the inter war period and as a late example of the renaissance revival the facade reflects the generally conservative character of the wool industry. Roofed with a barrel vault, the main sales room has a striking interior decorated with Neo-Greco detail.

The Geelong Wool Exchange is an important link in the history of the wool industry network which centred on Geelong and extended throughout the Western District and overseas through the export trade. It is one element of the built evidence alongside Western District properties, railways, wool stores, woollen mills, scouring works and port facilities which illustrates the economic and social history of major industry.

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	1927,
Architect/Designer	Laird & Buchan,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	521
Property Number	

Extent of Registration

AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 622, Former Wool Exchange, 44 Corio Street, Geelong (to the extent of the Wool Exchange Building shown shaded red and all the land in Volume 7211 Folio 052 and Volume 4748 Folio 401 as shown on the plan held by the Ministry for Planning and Environment, but excluding the rear extensions [sic]).
[Victoria Government Gazette No. 80 1 October 1986 p. 3788]

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/>