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BUILDING ADDRESS

220 PAKINGTON STREET.

HISTORY

The building dates from circa 1870. In 1875 Edwin Hopton was the owner of a two storey shop and showroom and six room and this was known as Borough House. The ratepayer was William Hall, a draper. H.H.Steed gave his address as Borough House in 1883. In 1897-8 John R. Coxon had his stationers shop there and in 1904 it was known as 54 Pakington street. J.R.Coxon was Mayor of Geelong West in 1921, 22, 23, 24, and 1930. There is a particularly good photograph of this building which shows the paint tones, window and other signwriting, the shopfront and verandah details, in 1908. Alexander Miller conducted his business from this shop at one time.

DESCRIPTION

The two storey brick building has a gable roof which is clad in corrugated iron. The front elevation has a finely proportioned window fenestration consisting of three awning windows evenly spaced on the upper floor. Each of these windows originally had twelve lights compared with the present three lights. They have simple hood moulds and the whole is recessed to form a frame around the perimeter of the upper floor. Projecting cornices at parapet and verandah height accentuate the horizontal line of the building. The front facade is surmounted by a solid parapet. The lower floor has been extensively altered as can be seen when comparing the 1986 view with the 1883 view. However the verandah shown in the latter view is thought to be an addition to the original facade.

SIGNIFICANCE.

The finely proportioned two storey building was built circa 1885. It was known for many years as J.R.Coxon's Stationer's shop. Coxon was a former Mayor of Geelong West. It is of local significance.

POLICY/RECOMMENDATIONS

G.R.P.S.

Restoration of the front facade of this shop, would greatly enhance the character of the building. The accompanying photograph should be used as a guide for such restoration.

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